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Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth is next army Chief

Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth will succeed Gen Upendra Dwivedi as the Chief of the Army Staff, the defence ministry announced on Saturday. "The government has appointed Seth, presently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, as the next Chief of the Army Staff with effect from June 30," the ministry said. Lt Gen Seth is recognised for his contributions to force modernisation. | P11

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It's time for the Gulf peace deal

Trump claims accord signing on Sunday, Iran says not yet

AGENCIES @ Dubai/Islamabad

THE US and Iran could put to bed an agreement to end the Middle East war within as little as 24 hours, with US President Donald Trump saying on Saturday the deal with Iran would be signed on Sunday and that Strait of Hormuz would be "open to all" immediately afterwards. The momentum came in spite of new skirmishes in the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday.

"The Deal is scheduled to get signed tomorrow, and immediately after it is signed, the Hormuz Strait is OPEN TO ALL," he said in a post on Truth Social, signalling what could be a major diplomatic breakthrough after months of conflict.

Trump's comments came hours after Pakistan indicated that the US and Iran were in the final stage of negotiations and that an electronic signing ceremony for the agreement was scheduled for Sunday. However, there is no immediate comment from Iran.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei, however, said the deal was yet to be determined, "although it will not be on Sunday."

The warring parties have released conflicting information about the contents of the deal. Tehran has insisted on its right to enrich uranium and maintain control over the Strait of Hormuz. Earlier Saturday, the US said it downed multiple Iranian drones over the Strait of Hormuz.

The US military's Central Command posted on X that Iran had "launched multiple one-way attack drones in an attempt to strike commercial ships transiting the Strait".

WAR WATCH

Khamenei funeral

Funeral rituals for Khamenei will will take place between July 4 and 9 at the holy Imam Reza Shrine, Iran state TV said. Iran had very early into the war said funeral of Ayatollah will be held only after the war ends | P11

Officers among 5 IAF personnel killed in transport aircraft crash

(Top, from left to right) Sqn Ldr Prashant Singh, Flt Lt Shubham Kumar, Sgt Jitendra Sharma, Agniveervayu Khemaram Kumawat and Agniveervayu Danish Alam; (above) the damaged remains of the aircraft | PTI

JAVARIA RANA & PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ New Delhi/ Guwahati

FIVE Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel were killed and one was injured when an An-32 transport aircraft crashed after landing at the Air Force Station in Jorhat, Assam on Saturday. The incident took place around 10 am at Rowriah airbase in Jorhat. The aircraft had taken off from the same base for a routine sortie.

The deceased personnel are Squadron Leader Prashant Singh, Flight Lieutenant Shubham Kumar, Sergeant Jitendra Sharma, Agniveervayu Khemaram Kumawat and Agniveervayu Danish Alam. A co-pilot survived with injuries. A court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident.

"IAF extends its deepest condolences to the bereaved families and stands firmly with them in this hour of grief," the IAF posted on X. Footage from the crash site showed the aircraft split into two parts.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma mourned the loss of lives.

"Deeply anguished by the loss of five Air Warriors in the An-32 accident," Singh posted on social media.

The crash has once again drawn attention to the Soviet-era An-32 fleet, which remains one of IAF's most important transport assets despite being in service since the 1980s. With airframes now exceeding 40 years of service, maintaining the fleet has become increasingly challenging, sources said. The Russia-Ukraine conflict has further disrupted the supply of key spares, forcing IAF to pursue indigenous alternatives.

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US missionary organisation, 6 accused face UAPA case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act has been registered by the Kothanur police against six individuals and a US-based Christian missionary organisation, following a complaint filed by 45-year-old Sunil Kumar Sinhmar, Assistant Director, Directorate of Enforcement (ED).

The FIR has been registered against Jonathan S Rajan, Micah Mark, Ajit Varghese Mathai, Varghese Chacko, Bablu Kurmi, Supreme Joy and the US-based The Timothy Initiative (TTI). P7

Modi-Trump bilateral on G7 Summit's sidelines on June 17

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump are set to hold a bilateral meeting on June 17 on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in France, with discussions expected to focus on economic growth, supply-chain resilience, artificial intelligence, investment partnerships and global security challenges.

"This is the 8th consecutive G7 Summit to which India has been invited. At the G7, India will not only speak for itself, but it will also give voice to the aspirations of the Global South," Modi said in a statement ahead of his visit.

The meeting with Trump, confirmed by the White House, will take place ahead of a working lunch involving G7 leaders, outreach partners and technology executives. A senior US administration official said: "President Trump will meet with G7 leaders to address key issues of shared importance, including economic growth and development, supply chain resilience, illegal immigration, and Artificial Intelligence." The engagement comes during Trump's visit to France for the summit, where he is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron, the Emir of Qatar, the UAE President and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

The Modi-Trump meeting will be their first in person meeting since India's military operation "Operation Sindoor" against Pakistan last year, although the White House did not provide further details on the agenda of the talks.

Rubio sticks to his guns

India raised with US killing of its mariners, saying "lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified." but Secretary of State Marco Rubio said "violations of US blockade won't be tolerated."

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TODAY'S MATCHES (IST)
Group E: Germany vs Curacao (10:30 PM); Ivory Coast vs Ecuador (4:30 AM*)
Group F: Netherlands vs Japan (1:30 AM*); Sweden vs Tunisia (7:30* AM)
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Balogun leads US to their biggest WC win
Folarin Balogun scored twice in the US's three-goal barrage before halftime, and the US opened their first home World Cup in 32 years with the biggest win in the event, a 4-1 win over Paraguay. In another match, co-hosts Canada salvaged a draw against Bosnia and Herzegovina

SOORYAVANSHI IMPACT

To pursue sports, kids favour open schooling

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE massive impact of teen-age cricket sensations – 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and now-20-year-old Niki Prasad, former U-19 women's T-20 cricket team captain – on young cricketing minds is having a telling effect on the education trends in the country. An increasing number of school and junior college students are quitting conventional education and joining open schooling – especially through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) – to devote more hours daily to practice and sharpen their sports skills.

R Swaminathan, NIOS Regional Director confirmed this trend, while pointing to a whopping 120% rise in admissions. "Last year, it was 4,600, but this year, it has crossed 10,000 so far," he told *The New Sunday Express*.

What is said to have triggered this shift in education trend among youngsters is Sooryvanshi's recent statements that he practises for about 10 hours daily, facing up to 600 balls to hone in his batting skills.

Interactions with several cricket coaches at academies and parents of aspiring young cricketers revealed that this shift to open schooling is fully supported by parents who are themselves impressed by Sooryavanshi's routine, which would not have been possible had he been studying in a conventional school.

Tripta (name changed) is a 15-year-old Class 10 student who opted for the NIOS and aims to play for India in the U-19 like Niki Prasad. P7

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● **Nakshatra:** Rohini 10.37 am ● Moon in Mithuna Rashi ● **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
● **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm ● **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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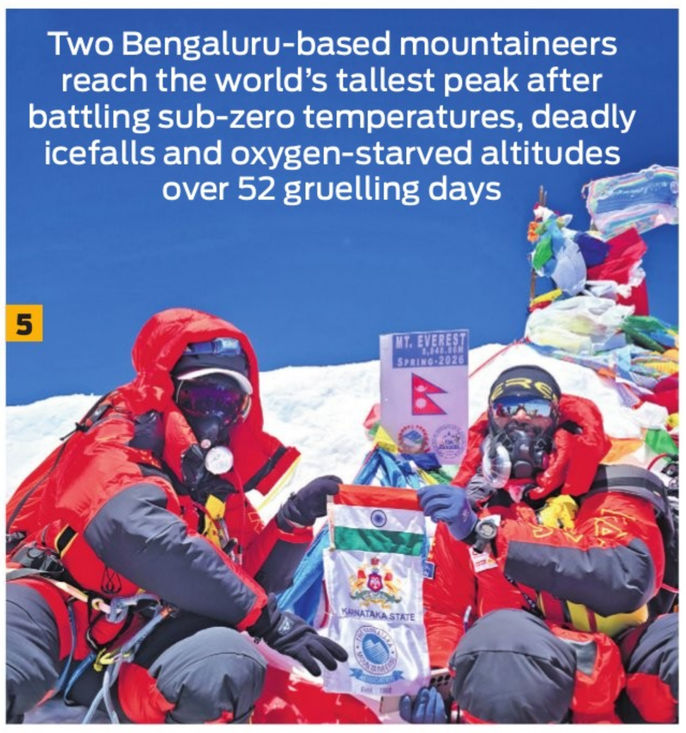
8K METRES & BEYOND: THE FINAL PUSH TO EVEREST

Two Bengaluru-based mountaineers reach the world's tallest peak after battling sub-zero temperatures, deadly icefalls and oxygen-starved altitudes over 52 gruelling days



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AFTER 52 gruelling days battling sub-zero temperatures, deadly icefalls, oxygen-starved altitudes and the unforgiving terrain of the world's highest mountain, Bengaluru's Professor Dr Chinmayee Thrishulamurthy, an ophthalmologist, and civil contractor Santosh Devarajappa stood atop Mount Everest, turning years of ambition into a historic achievement. Their summit of the 8,849-metre peak not only marked a personal triumph but also added another proud chapter to Karnataka's mountaineering legacy.

Speaking about their expedition, the two climbers recalled moments of gratitude, emotion and fear—from standing on the summit and gazing across Tibet and the Himalayan giants to fighting for survival during the descent. The Everest expedition lasted 52 days, with the summit reached on the 46th day. The team returned to Kathmandu on the 53rd day and reached Bengaluru a day later, nearly a week ahead of schedule.

The climbers spent three months training on Karnataka's Kumaraparvatha, carrying Everest-like loads to build endurance and mental resilience. The duo chose the southeast (South Col) route from Nepal. According to them the Khumbu Icefall was among the most dangerous sections due to its constantly shifting ice, deep crevasses and towering ice formations. Climbers usually cross it at night when conditions are more stable. During their first rotation, they witnessed a climber from Pune being injured by a falling ice block. Another hazard was traversing beneath the ice serac above the "football field", a section Devarajappa described as the Icefall's most treacherous stretch.

Beyond the Khumbu, another formidable challenge was waiting for the climbers- the Lhotse Face. The climb from Camp 3 to Camp 4 is divided into two sections—below and above the Yellow Band. Below the Yellow Band, climbers ascend an ice wall with a gradient of nearly 60 to 65 degrees for approximately 1,200 metres. This section is physically exhausting even while using supplemental oxygen. "Crossing the Yellow Band section requires moving on rock while wearing crampons, a technically demanding task that often slows climbers and creates congestion on the route," Devarajappa explained. After this usually climbers need to negotiate the steep Lhotse Face, and the oxygen-starved "Death Zone" at Camp 4. "Once you reach Camp 4, your body is already dying," said Dr Thrishulamurthy.

The Hillary Step, Everest's final bottleneck, often causes long queues near the summit. "After the Hillary Step, it is just a ridge walk to the summit," Devarajappa said. The team had planned to leave Camp 4 at 6 pm, but oxygen logistics and equipment shortages delayed their departure until 8.30 pm. "On Everest, the risk is not only yourself. You have no control over other people's behaviour on the mountain," Dr Thrishulamurthy said.

The team reached the Balcony at 4.30 am on May 12 and the South Summit at 9.30 am. Congestion stretched the final climb to nearly two and a half hours. They reached the summit around noon and descended at 1 pm.

"When I was about 200 metres from the summit, an overwhelming sense of joy took over. The realisation that I was about to stand on the highest point on Earth was special. I looked towards Tibet, which was very clear. I could also see majestic peaks such as Lhotse, Makalu and Cho Oyu, while Kanchenjunga was faintly visible in distance," Devarajappa said.

"Reaching the summit was the culmination of months of preparation and hard work. The moment was deeply emotional. As I tried to record a message for my aunt, tears filled my eyes. I was overwhelmed with gratitude and touched the summit with a profound sense of accomplishment. No photograph can truly capture its magnificence," said the 45-year-old Thrishulamurthy.

"Before attempting Mount Everest, we undertook a winter expedition to a 6,000-metre peak to test our physical and mental endurance. Conducted during the winter of December and January, the expedition was designed to simulate the temperatures of a summer climb on a 7,000-metre mountain. That experience boosted our confidence, proving that we could withstand severe cold and challenging conditions," said Devarajappa.

Having climbed together before, the duo understood each other's strengths, weaknesses and emotional responses, enabling smooth teamwork and better decision-making throughout the expedition. "A successful partnership is crucial in high-altitude mountaineering, where mindset determines compatibility," said Dr Thrishulamurthy.

The climbers credited the Karnataka Mountaineering Association (KMA). "The KMA along with its office bearers and members, handled administrative tasks, government coordination and agency-related formalities. This helped us to focus entirely on training and expedition preparation. This is also a tribute to KMA for completing 60 years," Devarajappa acknowledged.

"My Sherpa, Ang Gelu, gave me a rebirth," recalled the 40-year-old Devarajappa while describing a life-threatening moment during his descent. When his oxygen supply ran out at around 8,000 metres, Gelu safely guided him to a replacement cylinder. Devarajappa credited Gelu's experience, strength and quick decisions for saving his life. "It is almost impossible to complete the expedition without Sherpas," he said.

On the other hand, Dr Thrishulamurthy said her sherpa, Nima Tashi, is only 24 year old. Despite his young age, she admired his strength, kindness and attention to detail. "A silent communication developed between us based on trust," she said, adding that it allowed him to anticipate her needs without words, making their journey smoother. For Devarajappa and Dr Thrishulamurthy, reaching the summit was not about conquering it, but about perseverance, and trust that tested them at every step.

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1. Climbers ascend the steep Lhotse Face on fixed ropes, traversing toward the Geneva Spur above the icy slope **2.** The mountaineers perform pooja ceremony at Everest Base Camp marking the beginning of the climb **3.** Dr Chinmayee Thrishulamurthy with her sherpa Nima Tashi **4.** Santosh Devarajappa with his sherpa Ang Gelu **5.** Devarajappa and Dr Thrishulamurthy pose for a picture at atop Mt Everest | SPECIAL ARRANGEMNT

Despite visually challenged, Shahista Begum Aarti, a student at Mount Carmel College in Bengaluru, has carved out a niche for herself in cricket and football at national level

Shahista Begum Aarti being felicitated by gram panchayat members and officials of Jalahalli in Devadurga taluk, Raichur | EXPRESS

Uncommon achievements of Shahista Begum Aarti

BASAVARAJ BHOGAVATI @Raichur

SHAHISTA Begum Aarti, a disabled athlete from Jalahalli in Devadurga taluk, Raichur district, has proved that disability is not a barrier to achievement when there is determination. She has become a role model for young women by excelling at national level in blind cricket and football.

Shahista is pursuing her BA at Mount Carmel College in Bengaluru. She has been interested in sport from childhood. However, visual impairment and limited opportunities in rural areas were obstacles to her ambitions. Yet her drive for achievement persisted.

Worried about her future, Shahista benefited from a camp held for the selection of the 2022 blind women's cricket team. She worked tirelessly and showcased her talent at the camp, earning a place among the top 14 players. Through continuous practice and hard work, she secured a place in the final 11 of the Karnataka team in 2024, marking a significant milestone in her sporting career.

As a B2 category player, Shahista found it challenging to identify the ball, catch, and react quickly on the field. She turned this weakness into strength through rigorous training, preventing runs at crucial moments. She gained attention by effecting run-outs and delivering decisive performances in the team's victories. She has represented the Karnataka team three times at the national level and has won the Player of the Match award on several occasions.

Shahista made her blind football debut in 2022 through a friend's introduction. After training, she was selected for the national team. She scored a goal in the match and won the 'Emerging Player' award. In August of the same year, she was appointed captain of the Indian blind football team for the series against Japan. However, she was disqualified due to her vision classification. She did not accept defeat and returned to the field in 2024 under the All India Blind Football Association (AIBFA). She scored 11 goals in the tournament and won the 'Golden Boot' award. She scored seven goals in the 2025 tournament as well, again winning the Golden Boot, Best Player, and Top Scorer awards.

Shahista said that if the state government appoints permanent coaches, provides necessary sports facilities, and financial assistance, it is possible to achieve success at national and international levels.

BWCC targets 1,100 km of footpath upgrade

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BENGALURU West City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra KV on Saturday conducted a workshop and review meeting with officials on the development of footpaths, systematic waste management and the 'Suraksha 75' initiative.

Directing officials to develop 10 km of footpaths in each ward, the commissioner said the corporation had set a target of completing around 1,100 km of footpath work across its jurisdiction by executing 2.5 km of work every week in each ward.

"The Chief Engineers and Superintendent Engineers must assign roads to their subordinate officials and inspect the works. All tasks, including road curb construction and footpath repairs, must be executed properly. Silt removal operations along roadsides should be completed using silting equipment and tractors. Proper lighting and beautification must be ensured in underpasses," Rajendra said.

Discussions were also held on 'Suraksha 75', a major initiative of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) focused on urban redesign and road safety.

CITY EXPANSION

Bidadi township project has PM's backing: CM

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CHIEF Minister DK Shivakumar here on Saturday claimed that none other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the former for his idea of creation of townships to decongest big cities like Bengaluru.

Shivakumar, who returned from New Delhi after taking part in NITI Aayog's meeting and a meeting with Modi, was replying to a query on Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy's warning to the state government that he will launch a legal battle besides protests against the Bidadi township project.

"I wish them (JDS and HDK) good luck. We are implementing the townships that were initiated by Kumaraswamy in the past. Yesterday I met the Prime Minister and the PM told me that he had developed 7 to 8 townships himself, and said, 'DK you are doing a good job, the pressure on Bengaluru needs to be reduced.' He (Modi) gave me that advice, and keeping that in mind, we are proceeding," he said.

Shivakumar's predecessor Siddaramaiah had been skipping the NITI Aayog meetings in the past.

"Reflecting all of your sentiments, I attended and participated in the meeting. I have conveyed my perspective, and they have responded positively to it. You can check with the other state ministers who were present, or even those who criticise us; they will tell you how the Prime Minister accepted my thoughts, the examples he cited, and how he agreed with what I said," he claimed with a huge smile.

He admitted that he said at the meeting that the people of Karnataka prospered because of Five Guarantees.

"Look, those who criticised our Guarantee Schemes have ultimately replicated them across the entire nation now," he said, adding that it makes Karnataka proud to feel about it.

RAIN WRATH

An uprooted tree blocks part of a road in BTM Layout following heavy rain in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

TENDERS INVITED FOR ₹200CR BI-RIDE SUBURBAN RAIL DEPOT PROJECT

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Integrated Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprise (Bi-RIDE) executing the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) has invited bids for the construction of the Soladevanahalli Train Maintenance Depot, a key facility for the project. The depot, estimated to cost Rs 200.03 crore excluding GST, is expected to become the operational hub for the city's upcoming suburban railway network. Bi-RIDE said, bids for the project can be submitted until August 12, 2026. The tender follows the work order issued on May 6 for the procurement of 153 coaches from the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, for suburban rail operations. Planned near Chikkabanavara suburban railway station, the depot will handle operation and maintenance activities for trains running on Corridors 2 and 4. Bi-RIDE has already acquired 26 acres of private land required for the facility.

No more dumping waste at litterbugs' doorsteps: BSWML

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

AFTER hitting national headlines with 'Kasa Suriyuva Habba', targeting litterbugs by dumping auto tipper loads of waste at their doorstep and collecting fines a few months back, the BSWML has stated that it will never resort to such stringent measures against litterbugs again and limit itself to fixing blackspots only. "There was an apprehension from bureaucratic hierarchy against the action, hence we will not dump waste at the doorstep of litterbugs," said Karee Gowda, CEO.

BSWML officials said, there were 1,102 Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs) across the city as on Friday. The team comprising marshals, solid waste management engineers, and health inspectors has fixed 1039 GVPs and is yet to fix 63 more such places.

"Despite strict measures like dumping waste at the doorstep and penalties, the residents seem to care less for the action and turn the cleaned place back into GVP again. We have also come up with a Dclutter mobile application with over 17,000 downloads across the city to send their old and broken furniture like sofa set, chairs, cot and pillows. At many street corners, junctions and major roads, the miscreants are bringing and dumping such items. The place then turns into a black spot in no time," said a senior BSWML official.

In Bengaluru Central City Corporation, comprising six assembly constituencies, there were 200 such blackspots due to BSWML mellowing down against litterbugs, the corporation has as on June 12 has cleared 190. At Bengaluru East City Corporation, with just two assembly constituencies, 143 blackspots were identified, and 133 were cleared. The Bengaluru North City Corporation, with 7 assembly segments, found 206 blackspots and 185 such spots were fixed. At Bengaluru South City Corporation, with 5-assembly constituencies, 180 blackspots were identified, and 173 have been fixed. At Bengaluru West City Corporation, 373 such blackspots were identified, and 358 were fixed.

Two children drowned in an agricultural pond at Thogarighatta village in Doddaballapura Rural police limits on Saturday. The deceased, Dhanush (4) and Daksha (11), were playing near the pond when they accidentally slipped, fell into the water and drowned. A case has been registered against the landowner, Gurumurthy, in connection with the incident

8 KILLED IN SIX SEPARATE ACCIDENTS IN BENGALURU

3-yr-old boy killed in Sarjapur

IN a heart-wrenching accident, a three-year-old boy was killed, and his 25-year-old mother was critically injured after the two-wheeler she was riding rammed a goods auto from behind near MRPL petrol bunk on the Attibele-Sarjapur Road between 10.45am and 11am on Wednesday. While the boy has been identified as Iza Adil, his mother is Shaheeba.

"Adil was a pre-school student near Bidaraguppe. Shaheeba had gone on a two-wheeler which belonged to her neighbour. The driver of the goods auto took a sudden turn towards the petrol bunk. The woman and her son were coming from the Attibele side on the Sarjapura Road. The duo sustained severe head injuries. Adil was standing in front of the scooter. Both of them were rushed to a hospital near Sompura Gate, where Adil succumbed to injuries around 11.35 am," the police said.

The family hailed from Mallapuram in Kerala. Shaheeba's 20-year-old brother Mohammed Shiban has filed a police complaint against the goods auto driver.

Mercedes crash kills 2 on Chennai Expressway

TWO people, including a 28-year-old woman travelling in a Mercedes-Benz car, died after the person driving the car crashed into the concrete side wall of the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway near the Dodda Hulluru bridge at 12.45 am on Saturday.

The woman, identified as Shajia, was a resident of Banaswadi and died on the spot. The body of **Rizwan**, the driver, was found in a water body below the bridge. The police suspect that in the impact of the crash, Rizwan must have been thrown out of the car and died after falling almost 20 feet from the bridge.

Shajia, an employee at a private firm, is said to have gone on a long drive with Rizwan, a second-hand car dealer. The duo was returning home after having dinner at a hotel in Hosakote. Immediately after the accident, only Shajia's body was found. Since Rizwan was missing, it was suspected that he was on the run after the accident. However, his body was recovered later. The impact of the accident was so severe that the front portion of the car was completely damaged.

2 nursing students among 3 dead

In Kengeri traffic police limits, three persons, including two nursing students, have died in separate accidents.

The nursing students are Atul Sibi, 22, from Kannur and Gauri Shankar, 22, from Ernakulam. They were final year students in a private medical college on Uttarahalli Road and were staying in a paying guest accommodation near their college. The duo died after their two-wheeler crashed into a road median near the RR Dental College at Challaghatta on Mysuru Road at 2am on Saturday. The impact was so severe that both of them, who were not wearing helmets, died on the spot due to severe head injuries. Gauri Shankar was riding the two-wheeler.

In another accident, 45-year-old Sukhdev, a carpenter by profession, was killed while six others sustained injuries at Mylasandra Gate on Mysuru Road at 6.45am on Saturday. Sukhdev, along with three others, was travelling in a car. The car driver, who was overspeeding, lost control and hit two bikes. In the impact, the car toppled, and Sukhdev fell out of the car. The car then landed on him, crushing him to death. Three two-wheeler riders and three others in the car have sustained injuries. The car was going towards Mysuru from the city.

Bus runs over biker avoiding pothole

In a horrific accident, 42-year-old Kantha, a resident of Nallurahalli who was on her way to drop her daughter Neha to college on a two-wheeler, died in front of the latter after she was run over by a school bus.

The incident happened near Meenakshi Layout in Siddapura around 7.45 am on Saturday when the victim was riding towards the Marathahalli side from Varthur.

It is said that heavy rains on Friday night had left the pothole-ridden stretch waterlogged.

Kantha, while trying to avoid the pothole, skidded and fell down along with her daughter. The bus, which was coming from behind, ran over her. The woman was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was declared dead on arrival.

The Whitefield traffic police have registered a case and are further investigating.

Biker hit by lorry dies

K Jayaprakash, 25, a native of Dharmavaram in Andhra Pradesh, died after the two-wheeler on which he was going along with his friend was hit by a container lorry.

The incident happened at the Rani Cross in Devanahalli on the coutskirts of Bengaluru on Friday night.

The pillion rider sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment.

The victim was returning to his house in Devanahalli from Electronics City. The driver of the lorry, who was overspeeding, hit the two-wheeler, killing the driver on the spot.

The Devanahalli traffic police have registered a case.

UPA LOKAYUKTA: 4 MANDYA GIRLS' HOSTELS IN PATHETIC CONDITION

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Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa interacts with students at Social Welfare Department hostel in Mandya during his surprise visit | EXPRESS

THE four girls' hostels in Mandya town under the Social Welfare Department are found lacking basic infrastructure; torn beds, no bedspreads, pillows, blankets or hot water for drinking and bathing. There are no computer labs, libraries and books to prepare for competitive examinations. Food is not being supplied as per the chart, and what gets served lacks quality. The windows lack mesh and the stinking toilets have broken doors. Two of the four hostels are unfit for human habitation. In all four hostels, the sanitary pads are not distributed since the last two months.

Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa paid a surprise visit and discovered these issues when while he was camping in Mandya to hear grievances of the public in May end.

Taking suo motu cognisance, he registered four separate complaints against the warden, assistant director, deputy director of social welfare department, THO, tahsildar and assistant commissioner, and directed them to take corrective measures immediately and shift the two of those hostels to better buildings with good facilities. The Upa Lokayukta interacted with students and advised them to study well, be honest and bring good laurels to the parents and the country.

Justice Veerappa directed the authorities to provide nutritious food, make arrangement for consultation with female doctor at the hostels for health check-up at least once a month. He also directed them to furnish the details pertaining to the last two years including how many students were admitted, pass percentage of result in all the hostels.

In Dr BR Ambedkar Pre-Metric Girls Hostel, a total of 144 post-graduate students are accommodated as against the sanctioned strength of 100. Only one 1,000 ltr capacity solar unit is provided for 144 students. More particularly, the inmates complained that there is a stray dog menace around the hostel and no street lights infront of the hostel.

The situation is worsen in the fate of Maharshi Valmiki ST Government Post-Metric Girls Hostel as it is housed in the rented building with three floors which is not sufficient to accommodate 97 students. Mainly, there is no proper ventilation for air and light which is essential to the living atmosphere for human beings and hence it is unfit to be lived.

Diluted milk and diarrhea:

Dr BR Ambedkar Post-Metric Girls Hostel in Mandya Town is being run in a rented building with three floors, with no proper ventilation and light. The students complained to Upa Lokayukta that atleast once in six months they are suffering from diarrhea. They also said, 'a bucket of water is added for one litre milk'. The students alleged that a woman called Kavitha was visiting the hostel everyday to forge the attendance.

HC junks PIL against land for judges' quarters

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THE High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Karnataka Veterinary Association and three others challenging the state government's January 8 order transferring four acres of land of Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Science University (KVAFSU) on the campus of the veterinary college at Hebbal to build residential quarters for HC judges and another three acres to build a super speciality hospital.

"This is a policy decision of the government for transfer of 4+3 acres... It is well settled that policy decisions cannot be challenged in the absence of arbitrariness, procedural impropriety, perversity so as to shock the conscience of the public and blatant derogation of the governing provisions. So, we do not find that the allotment of 4 acres of land which is adjacent to Nyayagrama (existing residential quarters for judges) in any manner will impede or is against the public interest, but it is in furtherance of the larger public interest to ensure the independence of the judiciary which is the basic foundation of the Constitution," said a division bench of Justice DK Singh and Justice TM Nadaf in the verdict delivered on June 12.

The court said that when the college has excess land (317 acres), then three acres allotted to construct the hospital for the general public cannot be termed against public interest.

The counsel representing the HC submitted that the court now has only 48 judges as against the sanctioned strength of 62. Government accommodation has been provided to 19 judges, including the CJ. Eleven judges reside in their houses, 12 in rented houses, one in a guest house, two judges are stationed in Dharwad and one in Kalaburagi.

Two quarters on Sankey Road remain unoccupied because of repair work. At least 30 more residences are required for the HC judges, the counsel said.

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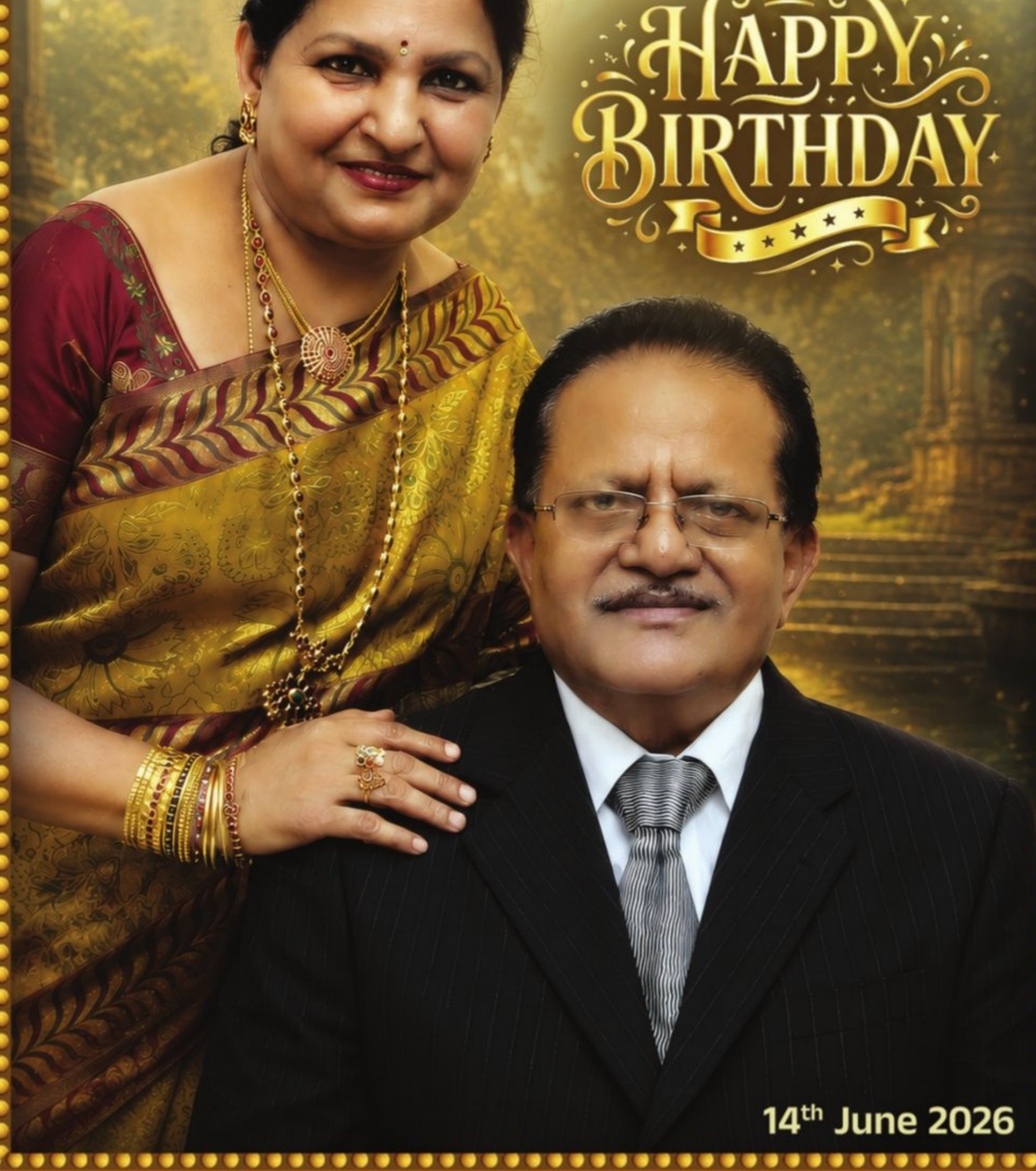

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Ricky Rai's Lambo taped overspeeding

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THE white Lamborghini linked to Ricky Rai, son of late reformed underworld don Muthappa Rai, has once again come under the scanner after a video showing the vehicle overspeeding on International Airport Road went viral.

The video, which also appears to show flames shooting from the car's exhaust, has raised suspicions of overspeeding. Officials are also examining whether the vehicle was modified in violation of Transport Department regulations. However, it is unclear if Ricky was behind the wheel.

The video surfaced on Saturday, prompting the jurisdictional Devanahalli traffic police to review CCTV footage from the area and examine footage from surveillance cameras installed along the stretch.

The incident comes months after the same Lamborghini was spotted performing doughnuts near Anil Kumble Circle on MG Road on March 21.

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BJP National General Secretary Radha Mohandas Agarwal, who is also party in-charge for Karnataka, said that the Central leadership will take a decision on taking back leaders, including KS Eshwarappa and Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, who have been expelled from the party

RE-REGISTER FOR GUARANTEES, CM DKS TELLS BENEFICIARIES TO CUT BURDEN

₹100 crore Gruha Lakshmi scheme money being drawn even after original beneficiaries dead, says Shivakumar

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IN a major decision, Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who also holds the finance portfolio and seems keen on streamlining the five guarantees, declared here on Saturday that the beneficiaries of guarantees have to submit applications again to continue to avail benefits.

This is to remove fictitious beneficiaries and ensure that the freebies reach only genuine people. The move is expected to save a large amount of money to the state exchequer. Shivakumar, even as deputy chief minister, had been campaigning for streamlining the guarantees as some of the beneficiaries are from well-to-do families.

On Saturday, he announced the decision after a seven-hour-long review meeting with all deputy commissioners, superintendents of police, CEOs of zilla panchayats and secretariat-level officers at Vidhana Soudha.

Citing an investigation conducted in parts of the state, Shivakumar noted that around Rs 100 crore of Gruha Lakshmi money has been drawn by people even after beneficiaries were deceased. In Bagalkot and Davanagere, money is deposited into someone else's account, while original beneficiaries have no clue, he said.

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar chairs a meeting on the reoprning of schools in Vidhana Soudha on Saturday | EXPRESS

> **Beneficiaries will have to re-submit applications. We are not going to stop the schemes to anyone, but they must provide accurate information. We need to know which bank they are drawing it from, whether it is going to a Karnataka bank, whether the money is moving to another state, or whether that money is being diverted to Ponzi schemes, bribes, loan repayments, or other suspicious transactions**
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> —DK Shivakumar, Chief Minister of Karnataka

"Beneficiaries will have to re-submit applications. We are not going to stop the schemes to anyone, but they must provide accurate information. We need to know which bank they are drawing it from, whether it is going to a Karnataka bank, whether the money is moving to another state, or whether that money is being diverted to Ponzi schemes, bribes, loan repayments, or other suspicious transactions. We need all this information as we are providing the Gruha Lakshmi scheme to give them financial strength so they can survive and sustain their families," he stated.

Even for Gruha Jyothi, where up to 200 units of power is given free to every household, beneficiaries must submit applications, he added. Beneficiaries are 1,64,000 households, but some families have 5, 6, or 7 meters. "We need to verify if they are living there themselves or if someone else is. Are they from Karnataka? What is their setup? We need to gather information on all this, and we must issue identity slips to them. Right now, we are just giving a small slip — a zero bill. There shouldn't be an issue in issuing a card," he said.

He clarified that Gruha Jyothi is meant for residences and not businesses. "The cost of power is rising by the day and the tariff is reaching Rs 10, Rs 12, or Rs 13. We are also purchasing it at Rs 7, Rs 8 or Rs 9 per unit. We must ensure the scheme reaches those who genuinely deserve it. We will start inviting applications within a few days. I have instructed DCs, CEOs and officers, along with our Guarantee Committee members, to coordinate and facilitate this," he said.

Officials should reach out to beneficiaries and ensure the meter readers' visit them. "Panchayat officers, PDOs and everyone else should get these applications delivered, entered and documented with a photo. If people don't have a photo, we will take a photo ourselves and paste it," he elaborated.

The meeting was also attended by ministers KJ George, MB Patil, Krishna Byre Gowda, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, KH Muniyappa, Eshwar Khandre, UT Khader, Priyank Kharge, Ramalinga Reddy, Chief Secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh and CM's financial advisor LK Atheik.

Though Shivakumar did not talk about streamlining the other three guarantees - Shakti, Annabhagya and Yuva Nidhi, they too will see a reduced number of beneficiaries, official sources said. Even when Siddaramaiah was chief minister, ruling party legislators had sought streamlining of the guarantees as the money saved could be used for other development works.

The Congress government which has earmarked about Rs 51,000 crore annually for the guarantees has spent around Rs 1,21,598 crore since June 2023.

DKS sets his sights on 2028; smooths the way ahead

"Should I be Chief Minister for only two years? With your blessings, I have to again win the 2028 (assembly polls). We all need to work together…."

On any other day, it would have sounded like political rhetoric to galvanise workers ahead of the elections. However, Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's statement during one of his thanksgiving rallies in the Kanakapura assembly segment is far more than mere grandiosity. It has a subtle yet striking message for his party leaders, the Vokkaliga community, and the bureaucracy.

In the last few days, the new CM has given a clear indication of his style of functioning, the course he wants to chart for the administration, and his political ambitions. Going by the speed and assertiveness with which Shivakumar has opened his new innings, it appears that he wants to make it clear that his elevation to the top post is not a stopgap arrangement for only two years. He will make all-out efforts to use his short tenure to lay the foundation for the full term after the 2028 polls, although it is not easy to buck anti-incumbency. And the trend speaks for itself – no incumbent government has returned to power in the state since 1985.

By talking about the 2028 assembly polls in his first week in office, that too, even before the portfolio allocation issues are fully sorted out, and with the greater challenge of ministry expansion yet to loom, the CM appears to be sending a message to his political detractors within the party and colleagues in the cabinet to fall in line and align with his vision as he is here to stay. His approach may help preempt the emergence of multiple power centres within the party, which could dent the government's image and impact the administration.

It is too early to say how the situation pans out over the next few months. But for now, it appears that the party high command is in sync with Shivakumar's Mission 2028, an actionable goal that helps strengthen the organisation to take on the BJP-JDS combine, which will be looking to capitalise on any missteps by the government and the ruling party. Going forward, especially after the full cabinet expansion, handling internal dynamics in the party could be trickier than the external challenges. The sulking of ministers over portfolio allocations reveals early indications of it. Full backing from the party leadership could prove crucial.

Also, the talk of the next elections is a message to the Vokkaliga community. The party has made a Vokkaliga leader the CM, and he would be running for the top post again. In the 2023 polls, the dominant community in the Old Mysuru region backed Shivakumar, then state Congress president, as it perceived him as a potential CM candidate. The community's continued support would be pivotal to Shivakumar to assert his authority within the party. The JDS has a significant presence in the region, and its top leaders, former PM HD Deve Gowda and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, would make every effort to retain their base. With Shivakumar's elevation to the top post and his long-term political ambitions, the regional party faces an existential crisis. Recently, the CM openly invited the JDS workers to the party. As expected, it did not go well with the regional party. As the state inches closer to the elections, both sides are likely to pull out all the stops to win over the community's support.

For the bureaucracy, the message seems simple and direct: not to take things lightly or be under the impression that this government's tenure is short and the election session will kick in towards the end of next year. In his first meeting after taking over as the CM, Shivakumar directed senior officers to prepare an action plan within 15 days. Unlike Siddaramaiah, whose tenure marked a confrontational approach with the Union Government, Shivakumar appears keen on maintaining cordial relations with the Centre to push for the state's projects. He is looking for tangible outcomes to prove his leadership and burnish his report card.

In politics, announcing one's long-term strategy comes with its own set of drawbacks, as it ruffles feathers of those within the party. However, given Shivakumar's tenacity to fight the difficult battles, his detractors within the party or those in opposition would do well not to overlook his ambitions for 2028, and after.

SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION

Ensure no citizen is stripped of voter rights: CM to ministers, DCs

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CHIEF Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday said he instructed all district in-charge ministers and the deputy commissioners to compulsorily visit every taluk, guide booth-level officers (BLOs) and establish contact with booth-level agents (BLAs) of any political party to ensure that people are not stripped of their voting rights during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) -- a nationwide exercise by the Election Commission of India to clean up electoral lists.

"Right now, what they (Election Commission) call mapping is restricted only to officials. They might have mapping figures like 90%, 98%, 97%, or 86%, but that doesn't count for us," he told reporters after chairing a meeting of DCs, SPs, DFOs and secretariat officers at Vidhana Soudha. SIR is set to begin in Karnataka on June 20.

"If any voter — including DK Shivakumar or any minister sitting here — wants to protect their vote, they must compulsorily fill out enumeration forms and applications provided by the BLO. Only then will their vote be saved. BLOs will visit people's doorsteps three times, and if they find the house locked or the person missing, they will report it. Otherwise, they will put it up on the notice board. If anyone is working outside the state their documents should be collected, their signatures obtained and submitted," he added.

The CM said he instructed officials that everyone must be given a residential certificate. "Whoever does not have a residential certificate, I have told officials to issue it. This is because if you don't have the right to vote in the future, it will cause problems for the heads of households in receiving the benefits of the five guarantees, pensions, and other government benefits. If they don't keep their vote, they won't get any benefits," he cautioned.

He said under the Corporate Social Responsibility policy, rural schools should be a priority. "We must provide quality education in villages. We have created a design for this, and in future, we will ask corporates to adopt individual schools," he said.

Private Employment Exchange

Shivakumar said that for the first time in India, Karnataka will introduce a Private Employment Exchange for those who want to secure employment in the private sector. "Local youth should get more opportunities, and we will talk to the companies about it. We cannot tell these companies to hire 100% locals because certain technical hands may have to be brought in from outside. For others, we will fix a percentage after discussion. Those who benefit from our state have to hire local people. Even if it is not 100%, we will fix a percentage after discussing it with them," he said.

Ring roads in all taluks

The CM instructed DCs to formulate a mobility plan so that every taluk has a ring road. "We may not be able to execute it in a single year, but we must mark and establish the grid. There might be financial challenges or other issues. A ring road is compulsory for all taluk and district headquarters," he said.

If my proposal is illegal, say no: CM to babus

CM DK Shivakumar said he instructed officials to say no to any proposal that is illegal even if it is proposed by him. He said they should work as a watchdog of the government. The officers should not bow down to pressures of even ministers, he said. "There will be no margin for corruption as we will bring it down to zero per cent," he said, adding that people can file complaints by dialling the numbers displayed at all DC offices. Shivakumar set a 5-6 month deadline to top bureaucrats to adjust to his style of functioning and deliver the goods to the people. He instructed officials to take steps to set up Bharat Jodo Yuva Sanghas at all gram panchayats and they will be given Rs 10 lakh each to distribute among the youths to nurture their talent in sports and other activities. "It is my brain child and a non-political organisation," he said.

SEEKING BLESSINGS

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman receives phala mantrakshate from Paryaya Shirur Mutt seer, Sri Vedavardhana Tirtha Sripada, in Udupi on Saturday morning. Sitharaman also visited the Sri Krishna Mutt, Sri Anantheshwara Kshetra and Sri Chandramouleeshwara Kshetra and offered prayers.The minister also inaugurated a newly built kitchen at the Sri Krishna Mutt

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CENTRE SUPPLIED ONLY 30% OF FERTILISERS TO K'TAKA: KHANDRE

BENGALURU: Karnataka Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar Khandre on Saturday said it is the responsibility of the Union Government to supply fertilisers to states as per farmers' requirements. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, the minister said that the Centre has supplied only 30% of the fertilisers required by the state, resulting in a shortage. He urged the Centre to supply fertilisers in full quantity to the state without any discrimination. Khandre also said officials have been instructed to take stern action against those selling fertilisers at high prices and in black markets. On the portfolio allocation issue, Khandre said all portfolios are important, and they are there to serve people. It is their responsibility to handle the portfolios honestly and efficiently, he said. The minister said he is satisfied with the work he has done as forest and environment minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, and he would continue to do good work in the RDPR department. **ENS**

Byre Gowda: I'm awaiting clarity before taking charge

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BENGALURU Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda continues to sulk as he is yet to take charge of the department. Gowda's portfolio is devoid of the prominent Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) and Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA). Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has retained his hold on BDA and BMRDA.

Breaking his silence for the first time since the row broke out, Gowda said that to handle the Bengaluru Development portfolio, which is a massive responsibility, structural clarity is required in order to meet the expectations of the residents and also the government.

"Personally, whatever responsibility I take up, there must be accountability to it. If we have to deliver the results that the party and the people expect, there needs to be complete clarity regarding the portfolio and the responsibilities shared," Gowda told reporters at Vidhana Soudha.

"I want to state very clearly, there is no dissatisfaction at all. However, the CM and the party have entrusted me with a very tough responsibility to look after the development of Bengaluru. I do not view this simply as power because it is a massive responsibility", he added.

Since he has not taken charge, the minister arrived in a private vehicle to attend the meeting of top bureaucrats chaired by Shivakumar. After his recent Delhi visit, where he met Congress high command leaders, Gowda is hopeful of Chief Minister DK Shivakumar resolving the issue. He took part in the NITI Aayog meeting along with Shivakumar, besides accompanying him to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Declared bankrupt, but MLC Naseer unlikely to get disqualified: Horatti

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EVEN as Congress MLC **Naseer Ahmed** has been declared "bankrupt" by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru bench, he is unlikely to get disqualified from his MLC post. Naseer will retire on June 30, 2026.

"We are not concerned about him being declared bankrupt as it is his personal issue. We cannot initiate action suo motu unless someone lodges an official complaint with us. Even then, we will initiate certain procedures by issuing him a notice and giving him three days to reply. The House is supreme than the court," Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti told *The New Sunday Express*. Horatti cited a case of a Uttar Pradesh MLA in 1965 insulting the Speaker by saluting the latter showing his back. The issue reached the President, eventually proving that the House is supreme.

Naseer told *The New Sunday Express* that he will challenge the NCLT order before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), Chennai bench. He will seek the stay against the proceedings of NCLT. "I will consult legal experts on Sunday to discuss in detail and decide on Monday," he said.

Naseer was declared bankrupt under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for allegedly failing to repay Rs 1,454 crore outstanding loan of his erstwhile company Scotts Garments Limited, Bengaluru, which is now liquidated.

NCLT has appointed Insolvency Professional Ravindra Beleyur as Bankruptcy Trustee under Section 125 of the IBC to take custody of all the assets/estates of Naseer, his wife Nuzhat Aisha Naseer and son Awaiz Ahmed, as they are guarantors against the loan. Nuzhat and Awaiz were directors of the company, while Naseer was managing director before it was liquidated following a liquidation proceedings initiated in 2019.

It is said that he may get disqualified as an MLC under Section 140 of the IBC and Article 191(1)(c) of the Constitution, which disqualifies an MLA or MLC if he is an 'undischarged insolvent'.

Naseer was sacked as political secretary by then CM Siddaramaiah for his alleged anti-party activities during the Davangere South Assembly bypolls.

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Rape: 53% decrease

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Effective policing through technological advancement

- 2,21,199 police personnel recruited
- Recruitment process underway for 41,424 Home Guards
- Cyber Crime Police Stations established in 75 districts
- 20% reservation for women in recruitment; 44,000+ women serving in the police force
- Training capacity increased 10 times; 60,000+ personnel can now be trained simultaneously
- UP State Institute of Forensic Science established in Lucknow

ADVERTORIAL

Plans are in pipeline to modernise Bengaluru's iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium, citing growing demand for cricket matches and inadequate seating capacity at the venue, said Karnataka State Cricket Association President Venkatesh Prasad. He also expressed concern that despite having a capacity of accommodating around 32,000 spectators, only about 27,000 people are currently able to watch matches due to infrastructure limitations

New additions at BBP: Hippo calf, cheetahs

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BANNERGHATTA Biological Park (BBP) has announced a series of major developments, including the successful acclimatisation of cheetahs brought from South Africa and the births of a zebra foal and a hippopotamus calf.

The cheetahs, recently acquired from South Africa, have completed the mandatory quarantine period and are now open to public viewing. During quarantine, veterinary and animal care teams closely monitored the animals to assess their health, feeding behaviour and adaptation to local climatic conditions. Following satisfactory evaluations, the cheetahs were shifted to a spacious outdoor enclosure, where visitors can now observe them.

In another encouraging development, a healthy female zebra foal has been born to Zebra Kabini. The newborn has been observed nursing regularly and remains under the care and protection of its mother. With this addition, the park's zebra herd has grown to 11 individuals. The park has also welcomed a hippopotamus calf born to female hippo Dashya. Both mother and calf are being continuously monitored by animal care staff. Special measures have been taken to minimise disturbance in the enclosure and support natural maternal behaviour during the crucial early stages after birth.

BBP authorities said these developments reflect the park's commitment to scientific management, conservation breeding and welfare-focused husbandry practices. The successful introduction of the South African cheetahs and the recent births highlight the park's efforts to create conditions that enable wildlife to thrive under human care.

Mattannavar: Chinnaiah lying, do brain mapping

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PRO-Sowjanya campaign activist Girish Mattannavar on Saturday filed a complaint with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Belthangady, seeking a probe into claims of Rs 200 crore plot made by **Chinnaiah CN**, a former sanitation worker in the alleged mass burial case in Dharmasthala.

Chinnaiah had claimed to have buried several bodies in Dharmasthala. He had moved the High Court seeking directions to the SIT to file a final report in the case and sought action against the conspirators named in the preliminary enquiry report.

Mattannavar, in the complaint, said Chinnaiah has violated the bail terms by releasing the statement made before the court to the media. "SIT officials must apply for cancelling his bail and brain mapping of Chinnaiah should be conducted to bring out the truth. Chinnaiah had said earlier that he was ready to undergo brain mapping," Mattennavar said.

"Being a complainant, I am ready to go through live brain mapping so that the truth is revealed to the public. The SIT must investigate those who instigated Chinnaiah to issue false statements and indulged in conspiracy. In a petition submitted before the High Court, Chinnaiah has made false claims against Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Vittal Gowda, Jayanth T, Rama Nagaraj, actor Prakash Raj and a few YouTubers, attacking their dignity. Naming Prakash Raj and Youtuber Sameer MD in the case is nothing but a conspiracy to disturb peace and instigate riots in the society. We suspect a conspiracy by influential persons involved in the rape and murder cases, even though false claims are made by Chinnaiah to mislead the public," he alleged.

Mattannavar said the claims made by Chinnaiah before the HC and his written statement to the media in the past are contradictory. "Chinnaiah should be taken into custody and questioned for his claims of a Rs 200 crore plot to tarnish the image of Dharmasthala. The claims made by Chinnaiah gives an impression that he is likely to be under the control of some influential persons. Hence, police should provide protection to Chinnaiah and his family," he said.

FIGHT FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

Animal liberation activists and volunteers demonstrate on the 16th National Animal Rights Day at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

FARMER ASSAULTS CIVIC OFFICIAL FOR DELAY IN RELIEF

Bagalkot: A farmer allegedly assaulted an employee of the Bagalkot Town Development Authority (BTDA) on Friday for the delay in receiving compensation for his land acquired for a development project. According to sources, the farmer had been seeking compensation for his land which was submerged for the past four years. He said despite repeated visits to the BTDA office, officials failed to provide either compensation or a clear resolution to his grievance. The incident occurred at the BTDA office in Navanagar during a protest by the Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (DSS), demanding the allocation of residential plots to sanitation workers. The farmer also accused BTDA officials of forcing him to repeatedly visit the office without making any progress in his case. A complaint was registered at the Navanagar police station. **ENS**

2.7K STUDENT PASSES ISSUED IN TWO DAYS

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THE state government has extended its free bus pass scheme for all school and college students across the state. In all, 2,764 passes were issued by four transport corporations in the first two days of the scheme's implementation.

According to sources, 821 passes were issued on Friday and 1,943 on Saturday. North-West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) issued 995 passes, KSRTC 860, Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation 641, and BMTC 268. The government issued an order on June 11 extending the scheme to all students in the state. The scheme will also cover students from Karnataka studying in institutions in neighbouring states and those from border areas of neighbouring states studying in Karnataka.

The annual expenditure has been estimated at Rs 286.08 crore. An additional Rs 15 crore will go towards processing charges and the accident relief fund. Earlier, the cost of student passes was shared by the government, transport corporations and beneficiaries.

Students may apply for free passes through the Seva Sindhu portal from their schools, colleges or any locations. Educational qualification, distance limit and validity periods apply.

India now has over 2.3 lakh startups generating 25 lakh jobs: Jitendra Singh

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UNION Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said India's startup ecosystem can sustain its growth only through continuous research, innovation, industry partnerships and entrepreneurship, as he inaugurated the RISE Conclave 2026 in Bengaluru.

Addressing startups, researchers, industry representatives and students, Singh said India has witnessed remarkable growth in the startup sector since the launch of the Startup India initiative in 2015. From around 350-400 startups a decade ago, the country now has more than 2.3 lakh startups, generating nearly 25 lakh jobs and making India the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.

Explaining the concept behind the RISE Conclave, Singh said the platform seeks to bring together four key pillars — Research, Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurship (RISE) — under one roof. He stressed that startups require constant value addition through innovation and strong industry linkages to remain sustainable and scale successfully.

He said more than half of India's startups now originate from Tier-II and Tier-III cities, dispelling the notion that entrepreneurship is confined to major metropolitan centres. He said the government is working to ensure that opportunities in innovation and startups reach every part of the country.

Singh identified space technology, biotechnology, nuclear energy, artificial intelligence and agri-tech as key drivers of India's future economy. He said reforms undertaken in recent years have opened several sectors to private participation, creating new opportunities for innovation-driven enterprises. Singh also emphasised the need to align research and education with industry requirements and encouraged young innovators to consider entrepreneurship as a viable career path. He urged parents to support aspiring entrepreneurs and adapt to the rapidly changing technological landscape. The conclave brought together researchers, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, students and policymakers to discuss opportunities in innovation, startups and emerging technologies.

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Sl No	Particulars	Year ended 31.03.2026 (11 Months)	Year ended 01.05.2025 (BOH)
1	Interest earned	461390.36	43405.07
2	Other Income	128910.80	4414.95
3	**Total Income (1+2)**	**590301.16**	**47820.02**
4	Interest expended	291996.27	27859.81
5	Operating Expenses	206658.04	19997.17
6	**Total Expenditure (4+5)**	**498654.31**	**47856.98**
7	**Operating Profit (Before Provisions & Contingencies)**	**91646.85**	**-36.96**
8	Provisions (Other than tax) and contingencies	83753.72	-3084.96
9	**Profit(+)/Loss(-) from ordinary activities before tax(7-8)**	**7893.13**	**3048.00**
10	Exceptional Items		
	a) Add: Deferred Tax	137.69	-1469.56
	b) Add: Income Tax refund (PY)	0.00	0.00
	c) Less: Tax arrears paid	0.00	0.00
11	Tax expenses	0.00	0.00
12	**Net Profit (+)/Loss(-) from ordinary activities after Tax (9+10a+10b-11)**	**8030.82**	**1578.44**
13	Extraordinary items (Amt withdrawn from IFR)	0.00	0.00
14	**Net Profit (+)/Loss(-) for the period (12+13)**	**8030.82**	**1578.44**
15	Paid up equity share capital (face value of each share @Rs.10/-)	14161.14	14161.14
16	Reserves excluding revaluation reserves	256228.13	248197.32
17	Analytical Ratios		
	1. Shareholding by GOI	50%	50%
	2. Shareholding by Sponsor Bank	35%	35%
	3. Shareholding by GOK	15%	15%
	4. Capital Adequacy Ratio % BASEL-1	8.28	8.35
	5. Earnings per share	–	–
18	NPA Ratios		
	a. Gross NPA (Amount)	493986.31	572008.93
	b. Net NPA (Amount)	358624.36	397927.93
	c. Gross NPA (%)	10.33	12.63
	d. Net NPA (%)	7.72	9.14
	e. Return on Assets (%)	0.13	0.28

1. The accounts are prepared and conform in all material respects to the Statutory / Regulatory requirements, Accounting standards and generally accepted accounting principles and practices, except as otherwise stated.
2. Net Profit disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account has been subject to the following adjustments:
   a. Provision for Non-performing assets as per prudential norms of RBI.
   b. Amortization of premium on Investments.
   c. Provision for depreciation in the value of investments.
   d. Reversal of interest on non-performing assets to the extent they have remained uncollected.
   e. Provision for Tax liability.
   f. Other normal provisioning.
3. Tax expenses for the year comprise of current tax and deferred tax. Current taxes is made after due consideration of judicial pronouncements. Timing differences between taxable income and accounting income that orginate in one period and are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods have been considered for arriving at deferred tax liability/asset as per requirements of AS-22 issued by ICAI.
4. Since the Bank came into existence with effect from 01 May 2025, the financial statements for the current year have been prepared for a period of 11 months from 01.05.2025 to 31.03.2026. Accordingly, the comparative figures have been presented as on 01 May 2025 (Before Office Hours).
5. The above results have been taken on record by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 18.05.2026.

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There is no vaccine for the virus that is satire: Adhwaryu

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POLITICAL cartoonist Sandeep Adhwaryu said that no vaccine for the virus is satire at the prize distribution ceremony of the Maya Kamath Memorial International Cartoon Contest on Saturday.

The contest, themed "Gender Justice and Women's Rights", was held to commemorate the 75th birth anniversary of noted Indian cartoonist Maya Kamath.

Adhwaryu said satirical cartoons have the power to provoke the public into thinking about politics, unlike some other forms of content that seek to be offensive merely for the sake of virality.

A panel discussion that followed focused on the challenges faced by political cartoonists, particularly censorship.

"As far as Maya is concerned, she never held back any punches, although objections to her work even came from students. Whenever it came to minority issues, they said it should not be included in her book. But divisive art has always existed," said CS Lakshmi, director of the Sound and Picture Archives for Research on Women (SPARROW).

Speaking about self-censorship and the challenges Maya Kamath faced, her daughter and former journalist Deepa Kamath said, "The Emergency, which happened when she was young, influenced a whole generation of human beings and journalists. We were trained as a generation to stop before we said things aloud. Although she grew out of this, she was always aware that there was an editor who would publish her work."

Despite these concerns, the panel remained optimistic about the role of cartoons in reflecting contemporary political realities and encouraging critical thought.

Subhani Shaikh received The Barton Award, which recognises lifetime achievement in cartooning. A political cartoonist who worked with Deccan Chronicle for more than 37 years, he has published over 35,000 cartoons.

The contest received a record 534 entries, with prizes awarded to winners from across the world, including Ukraine, Spain, Turkey and Iran. The first prize went to Valentin Georgiv of Bulgaria for his work depicting the courage of women who challenge religious prohibitions.

COPS: NO FOUL PLAY IN 23 PALAKKAD CHILD DEATHS

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

AFTER the deaths of 23 minor children in Palakkad district between 2003 and 2023 sparked alarm and prompted the Kerala High Court to seek a CBI probe, Kerala police have now concluded that none of the cases involved foul play.

According to the force, 16 of those deaths were by suicide while seven were accidental. Some involved boys, while the remaining were of girls aged 13 and below. According to a report filed with the HC, investigations revealed the suicides were the result of psychological distress, including emotional disturbance, frustration arising from unmet desires, fear of parental reprimand and other age-related vulnerabilities. Police stated that no evidence emerged warranting charges of abetment of suicide or any other cognisable offence.

The remaining seven deaths were conclusively determined to be accidental, based on inquest proceedings, postmortem examination and corroborative forensic evidence.

"In none of these cases were any element of criminal culpability detected so as to attract penal provisions under the Indian Penal Code," the report said.

The first case was reported in March 2003 at Mannarkad police station and involved a 13-year-old boy who died by suicide after hanging himself from the ceiling fan in a bedroom of his house.

The report filed by Palakkad district police chief Ajit Kumar said that after completing investigations into the 23 child death cases, final reports were duly submitted before the respective sub-divisional magistrate courts, seeking sanction to dispose of the cases due to the absence of incriminating evidence. The magistrate courts, upon independent judicial scrutiny of the materials on record, accepted the final reports.

CASCADE COMES ALIVE

After renovation, Courtallam Main Falls in Tenkasi district, Tamil Nadu, reopens for public. There is good flow of water in the falls owing to rains in Kerala | V KARTHIKALAGU

Rahul helping BJP, not INDIA bloc: Pinarayi

AGENCIES @Kozhikode

LEFT veteran Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying his political approach does not strengthen the INDIA bloc and often ends up helping the BJP.

Responding to a question about Rahul Gandhi's reported remark at an INDIA bloc meeting that he would not hug Vijayan due to their political rivalry in Kerala, the former CM said he was not concerned about who hugs whom. "But we all saw the photograph of Rahul Gandhi hugging Narendra Modi. My objection is not to the act of hugging Modi itself. Rather, his remarks represent a particular political message. It reflects Rahul Gandhi's approach and how he views the INDIA bloc," Vijayan said. The senior CPI(M) leader said the matter required detailed discussion and that he would not go into it at length now. He said the INDIA bloc had reached a particular stage today. "It is not only us, but also leaders such as Akhilesh Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav, along with other major non-Congress parties, who raised objections during the meeting and spoke against the Congress position," he said.

He added that people could see where the DMK stands now. "The current situation has been created by the Congress party's approach, particularly by Rahul Gandhi's approach. The reality is that this approach does not strengthen the INDIA bloc. As I have said before, it often ends up helping the BJP. Through such actions, Rahul Gandhi is creating a situation where he effectively becomes a facilitator of the BJP's interests," Vijayan said.

₹92.55 crore foreign funds spent illegally in six months

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THE case could be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for further investigation, sources said.

"Search and seizure operations were conducted at various locations connected to these individuals and entities. Based on financial transactions, documents and statements recorded during the investigation, it was found that the above individuals and others were associated with TTI. They allegedly used foreign-issued debit cards provided by a bank in the USA to withdraw and utilise foreign funds through ATMs across India," the FIR said.

Between November 2025 and April 2026, foreign funds of approximately Rs 92.55 crore were allegedly utilised in violation of statutory provisions. Between January 2024 and March 2026, nearly Rs 44 crore was withdrawn using foreign debit cards in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Assam and other states. On April 18, 2026, Micah Mark was intercepted by ED at Kempegowda International Airport. He was searched and 24 foreign debit cards issued by the bank in the USA were found on him. The ED stated that the investigation revealed he had gone on several foreign trips and brought back these debit cards into India. He is believed to be the key financial operations coordinator of TTI in India, ED said.

Several cards had the name of Santosh Kumar. Regional identifiers were allegedly used to conceal the true identities of cardholders and avoid scrutiny by law enforcement and KYC verification systems. Over 1,000 such debit cards had been distributed in India over the past few years, ED stated.

Following the search operations, the TTI Global portal was made inaccessible to Indian users, and data maintained on cloud-based systems were remotely deleted from servers controlled by TTI in the US, ED stated. Mark admitted that he deleted his account from the backend system, ED added.

The ED investigation revealed suspicious cash transactions of Rs 6.34 crore in Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected areas, including Dhamtari and Bastar regions of Chhattisgarh.

Such cash-based operations in Naxal-affected areas pose a serious threat to India's security and economic integrity and facilitate illegal transfer of funds for unlawful activities, it stated. The cash withdrawals were allegedly supervised by field-level worker Varghese Chacko. During the interrogation, Mathai revealed that he was the overall finance head for TTI's operations in India. Rs 37 lakh was also seized from his office, ED added.

Rajan's examination indicated that he was responsible for overseeing TTI's operations in India. Along with Ajith Varghese, he allegedly coordinated the utilisation of funds withdrawn through ATMs across the country for TTI-related activities, ED stated. Varghese Chacko, Supreme Joy, and Babu Kurmi were identified as field-level workers who allegedly conspired with others to withdraw cash from multiple ATMs. The ED investigation revealed that TTI spent over Rs 95 crore in India.

The accused have also been booked for criminal conspiracy, cheating, dishonestly inducing delivery of property, forgery for the purpose of cheating, forgery of valuable security or documents of title, use of forged documents or electronic records as genuine and creation of false electronic records.

No regret about daughter taking up open schooling: Dad

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TRIPTA'S father, who also requested anonymity, told *TNSE*, "It was a difficult decision. To be honest, it was like a toss. But looking at her game and encouragement from her coach, we decided to opt for open schooling. Now looking at how Sooryavanshi and Niki are playing, I think we took the right decision for our daughter."

Another youngster, Adarsh (name changed), an U-19 league player aspiring to play for India, and impressed by Sooryavanshi, said, "With conventional schooling methods, I was unable to put in long hours of practice to pursue my interest in cricket. I opted out of conventional schooling to increase the number of practice hours. And my game and my grades are good."

A Shankar, Honorary Secretary, Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) – which runs state-sponsored academies to train young cricketers across three main age categories of under-14, under-16 and under-19 – said there is a marked rise in the number of students taking up cricket as a full- time career and preferring open schooling. "The talent is immense. Earlier, children were inspired by Virat Kohli, Sanju Samson and Smriti Mandana; but the latest role models for them are in their own age group – Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Niki Prasad – who have themselves opted for open schooling," he said.

The latest trend is a game-changer from the earlier understanding that playing for the school – like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma – and excelling there is the basic rung for rise in cricket careers. Aarush (name changed), who opted out of regular school after Grade 8, said, "After playing for clubs and getting selected for league matches, I do not regret my decision. I am getting noticed," he said, adding that there are around 200 clubs in the state, and KSCA is encouraging them. They organise regular matches, from where players are selected for higher levels.

Nisheet Doshi, Administrator, Jawahar Sports Club, one of the oldest cricket clubs in Bengaluru, said the trend of students going for open schooling is picking up as the awareness and options are increasing.

Bindu M, a teacher at Delhi Public School (North) and at NIOS, said open schooling has not only helped students take up sports, but also improve academically. In many cases, it has been observed that the confidence level of students has improved over time. The children, who opted out of conventional schooling because of poor results, are now excelling and getting over 92% under NIOS by choosing subjects of their interest compared to what the schools offered.

NIOS' Swaminathan pointed out that not just for cricket, but even for other sports and cultural activities open schooling is offering a better schedule. "While cricket is popular here, students are excelling even in dance and music internationally," he said.

To further help students, NIOS has started an exam-on-demand schedule, transfer of credit system (where conventional school subjects can be combined with NIOS subjects) and freedom of choosing subjects from a basket of over 20, which helps them make suitable educational choices, he added. Besides, education through NIOS is recognised for medical, engineering, IITs, JEE and other international and competitive boards. "Parents and children have understood this and thus their numbers are increasing," Swaminathan added.

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EAST BY : Land belonging to Sri. Ambaprasad, **WEST BY:** Land belonging to Sri. Bhavani Shanakar, **NORTH BY:** Land belonging to Sri. Bhavani Shanakar, **SOUTH BY :** Land belonging to Smt. Jayalakshmamma
ITEM No. VII
All the piece & parcel of agricultural property bearing Sy.No.139/3, old Sy No.139, having khata No, 285 and totally measuring **01 Acre 21.08 guntas** of dry land situated in **Kanakapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore South District**
And BOUNDED ON:
EAST BY : Land bearing Sy No. 138. **WEST BY:** Land bearing Sy.No. 124. **NORTH BY:** Land bearing Sy No. 139/1 and 2. **SOUTH BY:** Village boundary of Cheeranakuppe.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
No. 207, Ground Floor,
26th Cross, Behind BWSSB Office,
Uttarahalli- Kengeri Main Road
Poorna Prajna Nagar, Bengaluru-560061.
Ph No. 93430 94442, 98459 31901

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SRI GURU RAGHAVENDRA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

15, Subbarama Chetty Road, Nettakallappa Circle, Basavenagudi, Bangalore-560004.
Ph.No. 26620360, 26620379, Fax : 080-26506895, E-mail : sgrsbn.bank@gmail.com, Website : www.raghavendrabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Basavangudi, Bangalore,** has taken Symbolic possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned properties on **"As is Where is, As is What is, and What ever There is"** condition, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price EMD Amount and Date	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of E-Auction
		Basavnagudi Branch, Bangalore			
1	**Late Aradhya T H ,** represented by legal heir Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, W/o Later Sri Aradhya T H No.117, 3rd main Road, Syndicate BHank Lay Out Herohalli, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560 091.	**(Property of Aradhya T H & Bhagyalakshmi)** All the piece and parcel of the Residential Vacant Site bearing No. 6 & 7, Katha No. 150 assessment No. 149 situated at Herohalli village Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 60 feet bounded on: East : Property No. 4 & 5 West: Road North: Property belonging to Syndicate Bank employee HBCS South : Property No. 8	**Rs.1,36,80,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.13,68,000/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 138,07,12,866/-** (Rupees One hundred and thirty eight crores seven lakhs twelve thousand eight hundred and and sixty six only)	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
2	**Mr. Venkataraju** S/o Venkataswamy 63, 3rd Main Road, Vinayakanagar AF Station, Yelahanka Bangalore-560063	All that piece and parcel of property under Site No. 20 Palanahalli Village (Vinayaka Nagar) Jala Hobli , Bangalore North Taluk V P Katha No. 144, BBMP Katha No. 6033/144/20 under ward Jakkur presently comes under BBMP Limits Yelahanka Range , including all right, privileges and appurtenances thereto measuring East to West 50 ft. North to South 40 ft in all 2000 Sq. ft. and bounded on: East by : Road West by : Private Property, North by : Site No. 21 South by : Site No. 19	**Rs.1,40,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Only) **EMD: Rs.14,00,000/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 2,66,78,738/-** (Rupees Two crore Sixty Six lakhs Seventy Eight thousand Seven hundred and Thrity Eight only) as on 30-06-2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
3	**Mrs. Geetha L** W/o Saravana H ,No 223, 8th A Cross, Maruthy Nagar, Bhadrappa Layout, Bangalore 560094.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 287 Assessment No. 287 Kodigehalli Village Yelahanka Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk, after inclusion into BBMP Kodigehalli Ward No. 8 as per B-Form property No. 169/138/287 Kodigehalli Bengaluru measuring East to West 20 feet North to South 30 feet bounded on:East by: Property Gurumalleshappa, West by: Remaining Property No. 287 of Gowaramma, North by: Road, South by: Property of Shamanna	**Rs.51,84,000/-** (Rupees Fifty one lakhs Eighty Four thousand only) **EMD: Rs.5,18,400/-** (Rupees Five lakhs Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 77,72,858/-** (Rupees Seventy seven lakhs seventy two thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty eight Only) as on 30-06-2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
4	**Mr. Ramakrishna B G,** S/o Ganesh Murthy K R, No.142, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Ramanjaneya Nagar, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 112, Katha No. 117(112/117) present CMC Katha No. 112/117, Katha No. 116/117/112 situated at Bikasipura Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now comes within the jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwari Nagarasabhe measuring East to West 45 feet North to South 35 feet and bounded on: East by: Property No. 119, West by: 30 ft Road, North by: Property No. 113, South by : Property No.111.	**Rs 1,96,87,500/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninty Six Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.19,68,750/-** (Rupees Ninteen Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 63,74,64,237/-** (Rupees SixtyThree crore Seventy Four lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on 30-06-2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
5	**M/s Travel Lounge,** No. 77/46, 41st Cross, 2nd Main, Jayanagar , 8th Block, Bangalore – 560 082.	**(Property of Krishna Murthy M S)** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 7 Ramachandrapura VP Katha No. 658/659/7 situated at Jarakabande Kaval village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently Katha No. 161/53/2C3A/7, 8th Main 4th Block Ganesh Layout, M S Palya Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 feet North to South 40 feet and bounded on:East by:Site No.6,West by:Site No.8, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 10	**Rs 88,38,000/-** (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.8,83,800/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 7,06,67,076/-** (Rupees Seven crore six lakhs sixty seven thousand seventy six only) as on 30-06-2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
6	**Mr. Gopalakrishnan S** S/o Late Sheshadri S R, No. 34/A Venkatagiriyappa Layout, 5th Block, Vidyaranyapura, Doddabommasandra, Bangalore - 560097	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha No. 589/591/34A, property bearing No. 34A situated at Dodda Bomma Sandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560097 presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 35 feet North to South 20 feet and bounded on: East by : Property No. 13 , West by : Road, North by : Property No. 33 , South by : Property No. 34	**Rs.60,65,100/-** (Rupees Sixty lakhs Sixty Five thousand One Hundred only) **EMD: Rs.6,06,510/-** (Rupees Six lakhs Six thousand Five Hundred Ten only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs. 1,95,15,411.00** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Five Lacs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Eleven only) as on 30.06.2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
7	**Mr. Nagaraj C L,** No. 73/3, Ground Floor,Raghavendra Nilaya, 1st A Cross, H M T Layout, Mattikere, Bangalore-560054	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha No. 107/20, situated at Doddabommasandra, Yelahanka hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now under the jurisdiction of BBMP Dodda Bommasandra Ward No. 10 Katha No. 105/107/20, measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 20 feet together with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Property No. 27, North by : Property No. 21 South by : Property No. 19.	**Rs.58,18,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Eight lakhs Eighteen thousand only) **EMD: Rs.5,81,800/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 9,17,95,248/-** (Rupees Nine crore seventeen lakhs ninety five thousand two hundred and forty eight only) as on 31.03.2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha
8	Mrs. Radhamani D R, W/o Shankara Rao B, No. 3, "Shree Matha" , Adityanagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097	: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 3 Katha No. 306/3, formed in Survey No. 9/3 "Sri Matha" Aditya Nagar, Chikkabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore 560097 under the jurisdiction of Doddabettahalli Village Panchayat measuring East to West 30 feet North to South 40 feet vide conversion No. B.DIS.D2N.SR(N) 152/91-92 dated 16.03.1992 and bounded on: East by : Property in Site No. 2 ,West by : Property in Site No. 4 , North by : Private Property, South by : Road	**Rs.98,12,000/-** (Rupees Ninty Eight lakhs Twelve thousand only) **EMD: Rs.9,81,200/-** (Rupees Nine lakhs Eighty One thousand Two Hundred only) **on or before 2.00 PM, 21.07.2026**	**Rs 8,93,58,102/-** (Rupees eight crores ninety three lakhs fifty eight thousand one hundred and two only) as on 30.06.2025	**22.07.2026 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM** Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, #15, Subbarama Chetty Road, Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.**
For further details regarding property please contact, 1) Mr. Shrikant A Joshi, (91481 46516) mail Id support@raghavendrabank.com 2) You can also visit on our website www. raghavendrabank.com . Regarding particulars of E-Auction the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, (79777 01080) , You can visit at :www.c1india.com mail id:support@bankeauction.com, mannur.govindarajan@c1india.com

Date: 12.06.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **B.K. HARIPRASAD, NO.497, 9TH MAIN, 9TH CROSS, SADASHIVANAGAR, BENGALURU-560080**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTITUENCY**

(1) Name of Constituency: **KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTITUENCY**

I B.K. HARIPRASAD (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Pending criminal cases			Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of case	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	XXXII Addl CJM Bangalore City	CC NO 15888/2022, Under trial	Section 198 of IPC & Section 103 of Karnataka Police Act 1963 Disobedience to order promulgated and contravention of order made by Police For Participating in protest demanding resignation of an Minister	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

In the case of election to Council of states or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

Note: (i) Details should be given separately for each case in separate rows.
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be in font size of at least 12.

(B.K. HARIPRASAD)

TENDER NOTICE

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Tenders are invited for Procurement of LT XLPE AI Armoured Cables of size 3.5 C X 95 sq.mm & 3.5 C X 70 sq.mm. with Estimated Cost of Rs. 667.46 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide no. MMD/T-LTM-09/0626 due for submission on dtd. 02.07.2026. For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/

HO PR 141/26 **Chief Engineer (MMD)**

Indian Overseas Bank

RESIDENCY ROAD BRANCH 133/2, Janardhan Towers, Residency Road Bengaluru- 560025, Karnataka
Mob: 8925950268, Email ID: iob0268@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://baanknet.com**

Name & address of the Borrowers: 1. Mr. Rahul Gaurav, Flat No : A 505 , Block A , 5th floor Aakruti Amity Apartment, Shree Ananth Nagar, Huskur Gate ,Electronic City Phase II, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore - 560100.

Date of NPA: 22.03.2025 **Date of Demand notice: 24.03.2025**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.70,34,421.79 as on 24.03.2025 with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 04.10.2025

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.73,56,451.44/- as on 03.10.2025 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 12/06/2026 is Rs.78,33,660.47 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the entire property): All that piece and parcel of Property bearing vide conversion order bearing Nos.(a)B.Dis.ALN(A)/SR/366/2004-05, Dated 28.01.2005, (b) B.Dis.ALN(A)/SR/365/2004-05, Dated 28.01.2005 and (c) B.Dis.ALN(A)/SR/184/2005-06, bearing Sy.No.6/1, measuring an extent of 1 Acre 11 Guntas in the converted land portion of P.Krishnappa and extent of 1 Acre 4 ½ Guntas in the converted land portion of P.Lakshmana and an extent of 1 Acre 3 ½ Guntas in the converted land portion of P.Ananda Murthy, respectively in all 3 Acres 19 Guntas which is conjoint together Situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on: **East by:** Government Halla, **West by:** Ananthanagar Layout, **North by:** Ananthanagar Layout & Remaining Portio of Sy.No.6/1 belonging to Lakshmana, **South by:** Remaining portion of Sy.No.6/1 and 60 ft Road. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment).** A Three Bed Rooms Flat/Apartment bearing Flat No.A-505 on the Fifth Floor in A Block of the building known as "AAKRUTI AMITY", constructed in the Schedule A Property with a Super built up Area of 1535 Square Feet, (which is inclusive of proportionate share in balconies, common areas attributable thereto and limited access to terrace area i.e., from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs) with One covered Car Parking space and 560 Square Feet of Undivided share in land of Schedule A and bounded on the: **East by:** Flat No.A 506, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** Open Space, **South by:** Flat No.A 507.

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Residential House Property as mentioned above	Rs. 56,00,000/- + applicable TDS (1% @ present)	Rs.5,60,000/-	Rs.50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 30.06.2026, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs. 50,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: Not known to the Bank

Inspection Date & Time:
During office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 15.06.2026 to 29.06.2026.

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.**

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Date: 12.06.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Overseas Bank**

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25TH September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Drs. Vs. Union of India **&Anr.)**

Name and address of candidate: MALLIKARJUN KHARGE "Lumbini Nivas", No.1-1165/26A, Plot No.34, Aiwan-E-Shahi, Gulbarga-585 102

Name of political party: INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election: **COUNCIL OF STATES (RAJYASABHA)**

*Name of Constituency: **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS**

I MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (name of candidate), a candidate for the above-mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending Criminal cases					(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences			
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of Case(S)	Section(s) of Act concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Sl. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offences (s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
1.	Yet to be assigned (matter under investigation; not yet sent to Court)	FIR No. 0048/2026 @ P.S. Nilambazaar, Sribhumi, Assam [Originally registered as a Zero FIR and transferred to P.S. Nilambazaar; subsequently transferred to P.S. Patharkandi, Sribhumi, Assam] (dt. 14.05.2026)	Matter is under investigation	Sections 123(3), 123(3A) & 125 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951; Sections 171, 196(2) & 197(1)(c) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	1.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	Yet to be assigned (matter under investigation; not yet sent to Court)	FIR No. 0051/2026 @ P.S. Patharkandi, Sribhumi, Assam [Received from P.S. Nilambazar as FIR No. 33/2026] (dt. 05.05.2026)	Matter is under investigation	Sections 196(1)(b) & 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	2.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3	Yet to be assigned (matter under investigation; not yet sent to Court)	FIR No. 0115/2026 @ P.S. Basistha, Guwahati East, Assam [Transferred to P.S. Nilambazaar, Sribhumi, Assam on point of jurisdiction] (dt. 07.04.2026)	Matter is under investigation	Sections 196(1)(b) & 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	3.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
4	Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (MP/MLA), Lucknow	Case No. 102873/2025,	Pending	Section 210(c) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023	4.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
5	Yet to be assigned (matter under investigation; not yet sent to Court)	FIR No.76 – Year 2019 -Morigaon Police Station, Morigaon, Assam	Matter is under investigation	IPC 1860 (153-A), IPC 1860 (500), IPC 1860 (506)	5.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

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Sd/-
(MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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KODAGU DAKSHINA KANNADA GOWDA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Registered Office: DRBN-RGN/169/ 2012-13, Head Office: # 16/11, 1 'C' Main Road, (Behind HMT Bhavan, Ganganagar Extension, Bengaluru-560032.M.NO-7846053383.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Whereas the below mentioned Borrower/s. Co-Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors have availed loans from Kodagu Dakshina Kannada Gowda Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset, whereas Kodagu Dakshina Kannada Gowda Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Limited Being a secured creditor under the act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said act read with rule 2 of security interest (enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon then Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors as mentioned in column NO. 2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest there on within 60 days from the date of notice. But the notices could not be served on sum of them for various reasons.

Sl. No	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor / Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice Date	Amount Due in Rs/as on 17-01-2026
01 02	Srikanth HV (Borrower) Narendra Kumar (Surety)	Loan Account No HL-07 Loan Amount RS: 14,00,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property -All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.01. BBMP Khata No 315/53/28,38/1, Situated at Jarakebandekaval Village (MS Palya) Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Measuring East to West 30feet, North to South 45Feet Boundaries: North by: Road, South by: Airforce Compound, East by: No-16syno 53/2C3A, West by: No-3Sy,no-53/2B3B.	Date of NPA Demand Notice Date: 29-10-2019	Rs.18,66538/-

Notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor as mentioned in column NO.2 calling upon them to make payment of aggregate amount as shown in column No.6 against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrowers within 60 Days of publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on date show in Column No.6 It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future intrest and other amount which may become payable till the date of the payment. Is not paid, Kodagu Dakshina Kannada Gowda Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Limited shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4 Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights to remedies as are available to Kodagu Dakshina Kannada Gowda Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Limited against the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per Section 13 (13) of the said act you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of secured creditors.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer for Kodagu Dakshina kannada Gowda Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Limited

Date: 13-06-2026
Place: Bangalore

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1, (KARNATAKA) AT BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.1368/2025

Between:
Central Bank of India ...Applicant
And
Mr.Abhninadan Mathew and others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES.

To:
1)Mr. Abhinand Mathews,
S/o. Antony Joseph,
2) Mrs. Leelavathi W/o, Abhinand Mathews both residing at No. 427/29, Pandian Layout, Chandapura, Kithiganahalli, Bengaluru – 560 099.
3)Mrs. C. Shanthi, W/o. B. Chakradhar, residing at Flat No. 004,"Sindhu Residency", Simha Colony, Chikkallasandra, Bengaluru - 560 061

....Defendant No. 1 to 3

Whereas the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 32,16,878.53** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Eighthundred Seventy Eight And Paise Fifty Three) only together with interest, costs and for other reliefs. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **15-07-2026** at 10.30 A.M. as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of your default, the applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 2nd Day March of 2026.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

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This is to inform the General Public that I, **V. Lakanadharaju @ V. Lakanatha Raju** S/o Sri. V. Subbaraju Age about 66 years R/at No. 1233, Siddhi Apartment, 14th Main Road, Judical Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 065, Aadhaar No. 639203809921, has lost original BBMP Documents Katha Certificate, Katha Extract, BBMP Tax paid receipts, Building Plan, Layout, plan and original Gift Deed.

1. Document No: Book No. JAL-1-04909-2022-23 CP No. JALP 1307 Dated: 16.03.2023 office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhi Nagar Jala Bangalore.
2. Absolute Sale Deed Documents No. YAN-1-06502/2022-23 CD No: YAND 1586 Dated: 12.08.2022 Sub-Registrar Gandhi Nagar Jala Bangalore.
3. GPA Dated: 15/03/2003, Sale Deed: Book No.1 Value No. 149, Pages: 75 to 79 Registered Doc. No.1593 Dated: 18/01/91 and
4. Sale Deed Document No 1594/1991-92 Volume No. 147 in pages: 80 to 84 of Book No. 1 Dated: 06.09.1991.

Regarding above matter I have lodge complaint to police serial No. 2242292 Lost Report No. 2242292/2026 dated 07/06/2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP E PID No. 5020908831, Property No. 12186/189/94 A, Vacant Site No. 94A, Assessment No. 189/94A, Katha No. 189/94A, situated at Kottigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Presently Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District Bangalore BBMP Ward No. 5, and bounded on the :-

East by : Site No. 95, **West by:** Site No. 94, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

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NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Name of Borrower (s) / Legal heir (s) / Legal Representative(s)	Date of Demand Notice(s)	Date of Possession	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
Mr. Mustafa Gulam (Borrower) and Mrs. Mustafa Suriya (Co-Borrower 1) and M/s. Infinite Builders and Developers (Co-Borrower 2)	**05.01.2023**	**10.06.2026**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.44/1, PID No.81-6-44/1,** Azeem Pearl, Dickenson Road, Civil Station, Bengaluru, and construction there on present and future along with thereunder and various Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings, Equipments and other common amenities and facilities provided therein measuring **20269 Sq.ft** of Built Up Area in the site totally measuring **4930 Sq.Ft** and bounded as follows: **North by :** Property No.44, Dickenson Road, **South by :** Property No.44/2, Dickenson Road, **East by :** Property No.46, Ulsoor Road and **West by** : Dickenson Road
Mrs. Anjali Pudiyokkada Ganapathy (Borrower) & Mr. Bopanna P G, (Power of Attorney)	**18.02.2025**	**10.06.2026**	All that part and parcel of property bearing **SITE NO.6-B,** in Property No.35, Katha No.35/6B, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, in all **measuring 1200 Square Feet** and property being bounded: **On the East By :** Property Belongs To Muniraj Reddy, **On the West By :** Site No.6A, **On the North By :** 15 Feet Road, Thereafter Sité No.7, **On the South By :** Property Belongs To Muniraj Reddy. The schedule property consisting of **300 Square Feet R.C.C. Roofed** red oxide flooring, jungle wood doors and windows and property provided with electricity facility.

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This Public Notice is issued in view of the fact that HDFC has not been able to communicate / establish contact with the aforesaid Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) at his / her / their last known address as per HDFC's records.

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On the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) failure to comply with the said Demand Notice (s) within the period set out therein, the Authorized Officer of HDFC has taken over possession of the immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) more particularly described in the said Demand Notice (s), under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned above.

At the time of taking over possession of the said immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s), the Authorised Officer of HDFC has drawn up an inventory of personal belongings and household goods lying therein, copy whereof can be collected from the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

In the circumstances, Notice is hereby given, to the said Borrower (s)/ Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to forthwith remove the personal belongings / household goods lying in the aforesaid immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s)) within **10 (ten) days** from the date hereof, failing which the Authorised Officer will have no other option but to remove the personal belongings/household goods and dispose off /deal with it in the manner as may be deemed fit, entirely at the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) risk as to cost and consequences, in which event, no claim will be entertained in this regard in future.

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Place: Bangalore

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **PAWAN KHERA, D-12, 3RD FLOOR, NIZAMUDDIN EAST, NEW DELHI-110013.**

Name of political Party: Indian National Congress (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **COUNCIL OF STATES FROM KARNATAKA**

*Name of Constituency : **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTITUENCY FROM THE STATE OF KARNATAKA**

I, **PAWAN KHERA**, a candidate for the above-mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal a tecedents:

	(A) Pending criminal cases				**(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences**				
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
1	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Lucknow Criminal	Case No. 34136/2023 (dt. 24.05.2023)	Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 4997 of 2025 is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the Revision Application.	Section 153A, 500, 504, 505(2) of Indian Penal Code, 1860 Allegedly making defamatory statements which provoke and cause public disharmony.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Lucknow Criminal	Case No. 34136/2023 (dt. 24.05.2023)	Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 4997 of 2025 is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the Revision Application	Section 153A, 295A, 505 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 Allegedly making defamatory statements which provoke and cause public disharmony.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Lucknow Criminal	Case No. 34136/2023 (dt. 24.05.2023)	Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 4997 of 2025 is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the Revision Application	Section 505, 505 (1) (b) & 505(2), 120B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 Allegedly making defamatory statements which provoke and cause public disharmony.					
4	Before Ld. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, South-East, Saket, Delhi	CT CASES No. 5373 of 2024 (dt. 02.02.2026)	Pending before Court for summons	Section 465, 469, 471, 499, & 500 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 Allegedly creating and circulating a manipulated video clip of a live television debate.					
5	Court Not Assigned Yet	Crime No. 004/2026 @ P.S. Crime Branch, Guwahati (dt. 06.04.2026)	At stage of investigation	Section 3(5)/3(6)/61(2)/175/318/336(4)/337/338/340/341(1)/351(1)/352/353/356 of BNS 2023 Allegedly forging documents and making statements which the Complainant thought were defamatory and conducing to public mischief. All allegations pertain to a press conference wherein issues of public importance were being raised.					

*In the case of election of Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

(PAWAN KHERA)

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THE ALGO RAJ: POLITICAL RISKS OF TECH OLIGARCHY

ON Thursday evening, he was worth $696 billion. Roughly 12 hours later, as SpaceX listed on Nasdaq, mercurial genius Elon Musk notched history's milestone—the world's first trillionaire. A trillion is eleven digits long. I asked Grok how long it would take to spend it. The answer: 31,710 years, three times longer than recorded human civilisation.

Warren Buffett observed that neither he nor anyone else could have dreamt of the fortunes now attainable. "It has been mind-blowing—beyond the imaginations of Ford, Carnegie, Morgan or even Rockefeller. Billions became the new millions." A trillion, it would seem, is the new billion.

SpaceX clocked $2.1 trillion in market cap to join sibling Tesla in the pantheon of a dozen tech hegemons who together command about $25 trillion. Twelve stocks—Nvidia, Google, Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, SpaceX, TSMC, Broadcom, Tesla, Micron, Meta, Samsung—account for over 40 percent of all US-listed stocks. The SpaceX IPO was oversubscribed four times notwithstanding caveats like only CEO Musk can sack CEO Musk and, warnings about markets that did not exist.

SpaceX will be followed by Anthropic valued at $965 billion and Open AI at $852 billion. The rise of Algo Raj, the expansion of moneycracy amid inadequate guardrails, represents a political risk for democracies. Already, the tech hegemon complex is larger than the GDP of Europe and China individually, and even more than the combined GDP of Japan, India and the UK. The cumulative wealth of the Big Tech founders is nearly $3 trillion.

THE THIRD EYE

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History shows that empires are built on tangible assets—J P Morgan consolidated railroads, John Rockefeller founded Standard Oil, Henry Ford transformed mobility and Sam Walton created Walmart. The new hegemons leverage intangible algorithms. SpaceX was valued at $1.77 trillion despite dismal revenues of $18.7 billion—less than low-cost retailer Dollar Tree's $19.3 billion, though that company has a market cap of $21 billion. Legendary investor James Chanos calls the gap between revenues and valuation a rush of hopes and dreams.

As with the Gilded Age barons, the new hegemons operate at the choke-points of the economy. Google dominates nearly 90 percent of global search, Nvidia commands 80 percent of the AI chips market, Meta's platforms reach 3.3 billion or roughly half of humanity, Amazon's AWS has a third of the global cloud storage clientele, Apple captures half of global smartphone revenues, Microsoft owns the largest enterprise operating system. The hegemons do not compete in the market. They are the market.

Big tech is amassing shadow market power through smart forward-looking strategies. Nvidia's investment in Thinking Machines Lab, Google's active support to 400 companies through Google Ventures alongside big-tag venture capital funds like Sequoia, and Meta's 'acquihires' gobbling start-ups for talent.

AI is Manhattan Project 2.0 for the US government—but unlike the publicly-funded 1940s' project, this one is funded and operated by the private sector. Microsoft, Amazon, Google work with the military and intelligence agencies on billion-dollar projects. Oracle, Microsoft, Google and Amazon are on Pentagon's joint warfighting cloud capability. OpenAI, Anthropic, Google and xAI have been contracted by the US war department for AI solutions. SpaceX enables satellite launches, secure communications and missile tracking. It is moot if the State dependent on these hegemons can check their advance.

Algo Raj grants the tech oligarchy unprecedented power. Governments across the globe court them, but can scarcely command them. Jensen Huang, Sundar Pichai, Sam Altman, Dario Amodei and others receive red-carpet treatment when they meet heads of State. Apple sources components from 43 countries. Tim Cook, the diplomat-in-chief, carved a reputation navigating the minefields of geopolitics.

Digital dominance is an existential call for countries, companies and individuals. It demands algo-allegiance—who gets heard and what gets seen, or what gets buried, is determined by algorithm. The leaders of governments that find their voice drowned—the UK, for instance—are keeling. At the high table of geopolitics, digital domination dictates the flow of sentiments and plays a critical role in bending outcomes.

In democracies, the contest between the incumbent and the challenger has an unseen player today, called the algorithm—imagine a blend of hegemonic wealth and algorithms to game the rules, as witnessed in the US. As tech hegemons own the biggest social media platforms, decibels on the public square are controlled in private C-suites.

This new hegemony is verily the Algo Raj. The algorithm can herd voices and orchestrate events to achieve desired outcomes. History has chapters on the perils of untrammelled power, of merchant outfits who dominated the State. The crackdown on Big Tech in China was as much about constraining their influence and disorderly growth as it was about ideology. At the other end of the spectrum, Donald J Trump, who converted a pledge for a 9.9 percent stake in Intel, is pushing for government stakes in AI giants. Is the objective profit or proactive constraint?

The question is not about tech's utility, but regulating the utilisation. The question before every democracy—including the oldest and the largest—is whether it will write the rules or allow the Algo Raj to write them.

AWESOME FOURSOME RATTLES BJP

POWER & POLITICS

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IN the sprawling Rashtrapati Bhawan complex, where Niti Aayog's national narrative unfolded last week as polite choreography between the Centre and the states, four chief ministers arrived not as supplicants, but as a single, coordinated force. Kerala's V D Satheesan, Telangana's A Revanth Reddy, Karnataka's D K Shivakumar and Tamil Nadu's Joseph Vijay walked in together on what was meant to be another routine meeting. They left having altered the grammar of Indian federalism itself. Their combined weight is impossible to dismiss. These four states command 104 Lok Sabha seats, nearly one-fifth of the lower House. They generate close to 26 percent of India's GDP and contribute roughly 30 percent of the direct tax revenues.

Not one of their governments belongs to the ruling dispensation at the Centre. What they brought to Delhi was not a list of grievances, but individual structural diagnoses delivered with authority. It was the deliberate construction of leverage. For decades, Indian opposition politics has mistaken noise for power. Regional leaders have often confused visibility with influence, treating protest as an end rather than a means. During their first meeting, the southern quartet has broken that pattern. By appearing as an ideologically opposed bloc rather than four separate petitioners, they have rendered southern solidarity legible to the national imagination.

The grievance they have placed on the national table is both real and self-inflicted by the constitutional order. Southern states have behaved as model federal citizens by every technocratic metric. They curbed population growth when it mattered most for national development. They built human-capital foundations through education and health. They created export-oriented economies that now feed the Union's redistributive machinery. Their reward, under the delimitation exercise scheduled after the next census, is a diminished share of parliamentary representation. The current formula prizes raw population numbers above all else. They feel success in governance is penalised; demographic expansion is rewarded. For the South, this is not an administrative footnote. It is a constitutional contradiction that turns federal equity on its head.

Revanth Reddy, 56, has given this contradiction its sharpest national articulation. His proposed hybrid formula—half the seats allocated by population, half by economic contribution—does not invent new principles. It lifts that recognition from budgetary arithmetic into the architecture of the Lok Sabha itself. In doing so, he has transformed a regional anxiety into a constitutional question that any serious federal democracy must eventually confront. He has become the public face of the delimitation argument and possesses both the stamina and the political runway to sustain it across cycles.

Each leader supplies a capability the others cannot replicate. At 62, Satheesan functions as the bloc's intellectual and moral anchor. A practising lawyer and six-time legislator who rebuilt the Congress in Kerala through patient, principled work rather than inherited advantage, he carries the authority of demonstrated clean governance. Satheesan supplies the steady calibration of principle.

Shivakumar, at 64, is the indispensable organisational engine. An eight-time legislator with unmatched command of booth-level mobilisation and alliance arithmetic, he rescued the Congress in Karnataka from near-extinction and converted survival into stable governance. Karnataka is not merely another southern state; it is the physical and political bridge to the peninsula. Any formation that aspires to national consequence must pass through that gateway. Shivakumar guards it with institutional memory, personal relationships and the unglamorous machinery of power.

Joseph Vijay, at 51, remains the most disruptive element. He entered politics without dynasty, without prolonged apprenticeship inside an established party and without the ideological scaffolding that usually organises Tamil Nadu's contests. He converted a cultural phenomenon into a governing majority that now controls the South's largest economy and largest parliamentary contingent—39 Lok Sabha seats. His presence at the Niti Aayog table in his first term signals that Tamil Nadu's historic ambivalence toward active engagement with national structures has shifted. More importantly, he commands a cross-community base that conventional categories struggle to contain. These four capabilities are not interchangeable.

They form a functional whole: moral legitimacy, galvanising issue-framing, organisational muscle and mass disruptive appeal. When aligned, they produce something Indian opposition politics has repeatedly failed to manufacture, a coherent southern position on representation and resources that carries electoral consequences rather than mere rhetorical force. The BJP's organisational footprint remains thin across most of the southern theatre. In Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, its electoral ceiling is structurally constrained. Karnataka is the sole genuine contest. This asymmetry grants the quartet strategic breathing room their Hindi-belt counterparts rarely enjoy.

The real adversary, however, is not the BJP. It is entropy. Regional coalitions in India have a well-documented habit of fracturing under the pressures of personal ambition, competing state interests and the centrifugal pull of immediate political calculations. Converting a moment of impressive solidarity into a durable institution is a harder task than any single election, and history offers more examples of failure than success. Yet the structural conditions favouring persistence are stronger than in previous regional experiments. The bloc's economic weight and parliamentary numbers create objective leverage that sentiment alone cannot generate. The delimitation question supplies a durable constitutional grievance around which coordination can crystallise over time.

Given that none of the four leaders is past the conventional peak of an Indian political career means the human capital exists to sustain the project across a decade. If that discipline holds, the implications extend far beyond the next election cycle. A southern formation commanding such economic and parliamentary leverage could, over successive electoral cycles, force a renegotiation of the terms of federalism. National coalition arithmetic would shift permanently from One Nation, One Election and One Party to any party or a combination of many aspiring to govern at the Centre. The old binary of national party versus regional formation would give way to a more genuinely multiple polity.

What the southern quartet has already achieved is the first, and perhaps hardest, step. They have compelled a Centre long accustomed to managing regional dissent through selective concession to treat their argument as structural rather than episodic. Whether this becomes the opening chapter of a lasting reordering or merely an impressive season of solidarity will be decided by what these four men do next. The South has found leaders who appear to recognise the stakes. The centre of political gravity is already beginning to tilt—not through demographic accident, but through deliberate organisation. In that emerging reality, the old assumption that numerical superiority somewhere guarantees national dominance no longer holds as an unchallenged premise. The conversation has changed. The structure of power may yet follow.

EVOLVING SYMBOLISM OF POWER DRESSING

REVERSE SWING

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LAWYERS sport it. Corporate executives flaunt it. Even callow job aspirants wear it. But when a newly-minted chief minister shows up in one in Tamil Nadu, it can raise eyebrows. On that rests the power of symbolism and context in political dressing.

Power dressing has a whole new meaning in India, thanks to the bittersweet memories of the British Raj. It gets more complicated when dresses reflect contrasting shades of ideology. Given the pluralistic but chequered past of social conflicts in India, outfits can be read like tarot cards, with deep symbolism.

Tamil Nadu's latest actor-leader thundered that his decision to wear a black jacket over white instead of the traditional ethnic clothes symbolised transparency and simplicity. "Is it meant only for people in positions of authority? There is nothing like that," he said.

How things have changed, I said to myself in what seemed like the reverse of a reverse swing. Mahatma Gandhi wore his dhoti after shedding the lawyer suits he had sported for decades. The homespun dress led to Winston Churchill's infamous description of him as a "half-naked *fakir*", which in turn helped Gandhi invoke the spirit of *swadeshi* pride.

Things have come a full circle, because for at least four generations born at the time of India's independence and later, the black jacket signalled not just British colonialism but a wider sense of authority. In that earlier significance, the choice was not between the East and the West, but between an elite and a commoner.

The Raj gave rise to options that fashionistas might call mix-n-match elegance. We had Nobel-prize-winning physicist C V Raman and engineer-statesman Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya wearing Indian turbans with Western jackets. Many swapped trousers for the more comfortable dhoti or its southern variation, the veshti, tied without the formal folds.

It was different for B R Ambedkar, noted V S Naipaul in *A Million Mutinies Now*. The writer described the Dalit icon as somebody who consciously embraced Western dressing to show an affinity with the British so that it might help lift the depressed classes. Naipaul threw in the fact that most Ambedkar statues in Dalit neighbourhoods show him with a book, representing his wish to educate those left behind in a traditional hierarchy. Of course, the book is the Constitution of India, which promises to empower the disenfranchised.

Tussles continue in some parts of India over Dalit grooms sporting turbans and riding horses during wedding processions, which are seen as sartorial markers of upper-caste dominance. Ambedkar's dress code is thus highly relevant as an iconic assertion. In Tamil Nadu, Ambedkarite VCK leader Thol Thirumavalavan can sometimes be spotted wearing the complete Western ensemble including a tie, inspired by his icon.

There was deep political significance in Gandhi shifting to the dhoti and Ambedkar preferring the Western suit. Even Periyar's choice of black was a signifier. But the impact of such symbolism may have faded today

The Ambedkar-Gandhi dichotomy in engaging with British rulers persisted after 1947. The corporate culture in 'box-wallah' multinationals and the social status commanded by executives in British companies (excellently portrayed in Satyajit Ray's 1971 film *Seemabaddha*) ensured that the suit endured far beyond the Raj. Officers of the Indian Civil Service and its successor Indian Administrative Service kept up the practice.

Jawaharlal Nehru, described by some as a westernised oriental gentleman, made his nationalistic style statement with the Nehru jacket, a bandhgala. Its sleeveless variant is increasingly called the Modi jacket in what the ideologically astute might describe as sheer irony.

The combination of the black jacket's elite symbolism and Vijay's appeal to Gen Z voters may show what young Indians are looking for today is a modern sense of self-confidence or authority rather than any colonial appeal.

Political symbolism in dressing took a turn in the South when E V Ramasamy Periyar's Dravida Kazhagam adopted black as its colour of ideological assertion. For Periyar, it was the colour to show the historical enslavement of lower-caste communities. In contrast, leaders of the breakaway parties like DMK and AIADMK embraced the all-white shirt-and-veshti ensemble.

Somewhere along the way, former PM Rajiv Gandhi and DMK leader M K Stalin made everything less fussy. The Nehru family scion was seen occasionally sporting the Western suit, at other times in the Nehru jacket and, for a marathon, even in a round-neck sweatshirt and track pants. Stalin has been photographed in similar outfits during his morning walks and bicycle rides.

By and large, dressing now seems more meant for social media banter than for political or ideological symbolism. A fashion faux pas may invite chuckles, but outfit variations are unlikely to invite a dressing down from Gen Z.

Immaculately dressed leaders like Shashi Tharoor, who sports Western suits and colourful ethnic weaves with equal aplomb, tell us that ordinary Indians are increasingly comfortable with elegance in various forms. The game has shifted from politics to aesthetics.

(Views are personal)

QUOTE CORNER

A World Cup match should flow like a river. Instead, we're building dams in the middle of it so commercials can get through. That's dangerous for the spirit of the game. Football used to be the main event, but now it risks becoming the background music to an advertising spectacle. People are going to ask questions.

Jurgen Klopp, former Liverpool manager, on extended mid-match cooling break during the Mexico-South Africa game to allow TV ads to finish

Given the complexity of these changes, we've made mistakes and will almost certainly make more.

Mark Zuckerberg, Meta CEO, in a memo on the decision to lay off a tenth of the company's global workforce and transfer 7,000 employees to AI teams

We made an enormous mistake allowing the education tech industry to come in and give every kid a computer or a tablet... And we need to stop.

Jonathan Haidt, social psychologist and author of *The Anxious Generation*, on the falling test scores of American students

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Trillionaire rising

Ref: *SpaceX hoovers up record funds* (Jun 13). Kudos to 'Elan' Musk, the world's first trillionaire. The reason for his fortune scaling such a height is that his rocket company held the largest initial public offering in stock market history. It shows who dares wins! The dynamic Musk ventured into advanced tech businesses before others and reaped heavy dividends. He has rewritten the business dictionary with Musk-onomy.

Sreelekha P S, Secunderabad

Anti-defection clarity

Ref: *Legislature awaits clarity* (Jun 13). The Trinamool disqualification tangle exposes how thin the line between constitutional propriety and political convenience has become. Courts cannot indefinitely substitute for legislative clarity. Parliament must codify anti-defection procedures precisely, leaving fewer gaps for partisan interpretation. Ambiguity here erodes public trust in democracy far more than any single ruling.

A Senthil Kumar, Kaniyur

Lethargic probe

Ref: *AI-171 crash report wait gets longer* (Jun 13). Even a year after the tragic crash the final report remains elusive, denying closure to the grieving families. The investigators' bland interim statement and admission that the final report needs 2-3 more months mocks the 12-month norm. Most shocking is the DGCA's inordinate delay in visiting the US to inspect Boeing's fuel control switch, when its malfunction caused the crash. Such lethargy in a critical probe is a betrayal of public trust.

Vaithianathan Subramanian, Madurai

Protective duty

Ref: *US diplomat rapped again* (Jun 13). Attacks on Indians by the US highlight the government's inadequacy in diplomacy. India needs to protect the nation's dignity and its citizens' lives. Concrete action and determined effort are urgently needed. Mourning the victims or reprimanding a diplomat are merely post-fact rituals. They indicate failure.

Iqbal Vavad, Kozhikode

Digital nationalism

Ref: *Anthropic unveils Claude Mythos 5 for partners* (Jun 12). The US directive forcing Anthropic to suspend access to its Fable 5 and Mythos 5 models—even for its own foreign employees—is an alarming moment. It shatters the illusion of an open, global tech ecosystem and replaces it with digital nationalism. When a scientist's passport dictates their intellectual clearance inside a commercial enterprise, meritocracy dies. This sets a discriminatory precedent for thousands of Indian tech professionals working around the world.

Mohammad Thajuddeen, Mangaluru

Rana's legacy

Ref: *Ex-champ shooter, coach, 'father figure'* (Jun 13). Jaspal Rana left an indelible mark on his sport. He brought laurels to the country and was an inspiration to budding shooters. He played a vital role in mentoring many with a strong sense of purpose. His contributions, both as a champion and a mentor, will be remembered for years.

Kelath Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

Saving Himalayas

Ref: *Himalayas show signs of climate breakdown* (Jun 13). The blame for this extremely unfortunate situation undoubtedly goes to the ecocidal activities all over the world and in that particular region. Thousands of lives are at risk. Scientists, government as well as citizens should join hands for mitigation efforts. It is the need of the hour.

Simran Poniya, Koraput

Electricity bill

Ref: *Low reservoir levels worry KSEB* (Jun 13). Is this another electricity price revision in another name? The main question is whether consumers are getting the benefit of cheap electricity generated at KSEB's hydel stations. The power tariffs plus associated charges on their bills are already quite high.

Girish R Edathitta, Pathanamthitta

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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What happened in the case of INC Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh is of power grab, plain and simple.

Saket Gokhale @SaketGokhale
The traitor MPs were elected on a TMC symbol. They cannot steal the people's mandate & hand it over to BJP for a lot of crores.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Over the last 12 years, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India's Amrit Peedhi has been at the centre of governance and nation-building.

14 women get permanent commission

First batch of cadets to pass out from IMA following a 2021 Supreme Court directive to admit women into NDA

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

FOR the first time in the history of India's armed forces, women officers were commissioned on Saturday with permanent commission from day one, joining the Army and Air Force through the NDA pipeline, that for over seven decades had admitted only men.

Nine women were commissioned as Lieutenants at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun, while five were commissioned as Flying Officers at the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Dundigal. Their commissioning marks the culmination of a journey that began after the Supreme Court opened the NDA to women in 2021.

Women officers in the Army and Air Force have until now entered through the Short Service Commission (SSC) route, becoming eligible for permanent commission only after years of service. Officers commissioned through the NDA-IMA and NDA-AFA pipelines receive it from day one. The fourteen newly commissioned officers are thus the first women to enter either service on those terms.

Women have served as permanent commission officers in the Armed Forces Medical Services for decades. Those joining non-medical branches, however, could do so only under Short Service Commission from 1992 onwards, with permanent commission available only after years of service and, in many cases, only after sustained legal pressure. In 2020, the Supreme Court directed that women officers be granted permanent commission, describing their exclusion as discriminatory. A year later, the court ordered the opening of the NDA to women, paving way for their entry into the tri-services training institution.

Of the 17 women who graduated from the academy in 2025, 10 opted for the Army, six for the Indian Air Force and three for the Navy | EXPRESS

The first batch of women cadets joined the NDA in 2022. Of the 17 women who graduated from the academy in 2025, ten opted for the Army, six for the Air Force and three for the Navy before proceeding to their respective service academies for pre-commission training.

Reviewing the Passing Out Parade at IMA, President Droupadi Murmu described the occasion as a "watershed moment" for both the academy and the country's journey towards greater participation of women in national service.

At Dundigal, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the growing presence of women would make the Air Force stronger and more representative.

At the IMA, 515 officer cadets, including 34 from 16 friendly foreign countries, were commissioned.

Lt Gen Seth named next Army Chief, 1st Armoured Corps officer in 3 decades

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LIEUTENANT General Dhiraj Seth, currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS), will take over as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) on June 30, succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi, who retires the same day, the government announced on Saturday.

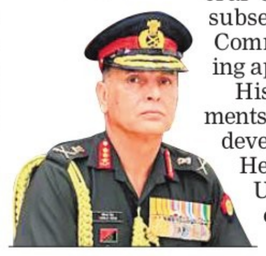
Lt Gen Seth's appointment marks the return of an armoured corps officer to the Army's top post after nearly three decades. The last officer from the Armoured Corps to serve as army chief was General Shankar Roy Chowdhary of 20 Lancers, who retired in 1997.

Commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986 after graduating from the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Lt Gen Seth is affiliated with Skinner's Horse and has held a wide range of command, staff and instructional appointments during a career spanning nearly four decades. He has commanded an armoured regiment in the desert sector, the 98th Armoured Brigade, and a counter-insurgency force in Jammu and Kashmir. At higher levels, he commanded the Sudarshan Chakra Corps, served as General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area, and subsequently headed both the South Western Command and Southern Command before being appointed Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

His staff assignments have included appointments related to operational planning, capability development and force modernisation at Army Headquarters. He has also served with the UN Mission in Angola. Lt Gen Seth takes over at a time when the Army is pursuing a range of modernisation initiatives.

Integrated warfare

Known for emphasis on integrated and tech-enabled warfare, Lt Gen Seth has been associated with the Army's efforts to bring together combat arms, emerging technologies and joint operational concepts. The approach gained added relevance after Operation Sindoor.



India completes 2nd phase of ballistic missile def shield

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIA has achieved another milestone in its long quest for a credible missile shield, with the DRDO acing three back-to-back flight-tests of its second-phase, multi-layered ballistic missile defence (BMD) system.

The trials on June 10-11 saw interceptors destroy their targets in both the endo-atmospheric and exo-atmospheric regimes, the first time the layered Phase-II architecture was demonstrated together in quick succession, the defence ministry disclosed on Saturday.

Phase-II is built to defend against faster, longer-range missiles than the original shield, with the system designed to eventually scale up to intercontinental class. The DRDO said the successes had placed India in "the elite group of nations having BMD capability" to engage threats up to Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs).

The government statement did not specify the range of the targets engaged in the trials. Sources, however, put the latest intercepts in the IRBM-class 2,000 to 5,000-km band.

This is far from India's first tryst with missile defence. The two-phase BMD programme has logged interceptor trials for nearly two decades, beginning with the Phase-I Prithvi Air Defence and Advanced Air Defence systems.

Phase-II opened with the maiden AD-1 interceptor test in November 2022, followed by a full network-centric system trial in July 2024 that demonstrated a capability against 5,000-km class missiles. The systems lean on indigenous long-range tracking radars, low-latency communication links and advanced kill vehicles and are tailored to counter China's Dongfeng family and Pakistan's Shaheen-III missiles.

DRDO has begun work on Phase-III, anchored by two next-gen interceptors internally designated AD-AH and AD-AM. These are being developed to defeat a tougher class of weapons

In a third, separate trial, the DRDO carried out the maiden flight-test of the Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR), a subsonic, sea-skimming weapon with a strike range of around 300 km.

Geared to arm MiG-29K fighters, frontline warships and P-8I patrol aircraft, the NASM-MR will progressively replace the navy's ageing Russian-origin Kh-35 anti-ship missiles.

India's BMD testing began in the mid-2000s as a two-layered answer to Pakistan's expanding missile inventory and later re-calibrated against China's far deeper arsenal.

Phase-I paired the Prithvi Air Defence missile for high-altitude exo-atmospheric kills with the Advanced Air Defence missile for lower endo-atmospheric intercepts.

The DRDO has also begun work on Phase-III, anchored by two next-generation interceptors internally designated AD-AH and AD-AM. These are being developed to defeat a tougher class of weapons. The first is the hypersonic glide vehicle, which travels above Mach 5 and changes trajectory mid-flight to dodge interception. The second is the missile carrying Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles (MIRVs), where one launch releases several nuclear warheads, each programmed to strike a separate target. The Phase-III interceptors are at an early conceptual stage, with the DRDO yet to begin flight-testing.

China is fielding hypersonic systems and a growing fleet of long-range missiles led by the DF-41, while Pakistan has tested the MIRV-capable Ababeel.

Home Minister Amit Shah addresses MHA officials in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

Shah reviews meeting on demographic change

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday chaired a meeting of senior MHA officials and directed them to ensure all support to the committee on demographic change.

The panel, headed by retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar, will study demographic changes, especially in border areas. It will also visit metropolitan areas and industrial towns to assess the changes, officials said.

"The MHA will provide logistical and other necessary support for proper functioning of the committee," a ministry spokesperson said, adding that agenda has been formulated at first meeting of the committee.

According to the government, the committee has been tasked with conducting a comprehensive and scientific assessment of demographic changes occurring in different parts of the country. It will examine the causes behind such changes, identify emerging trends and recommend measures to address them.

The panel's mandate includes studying the impact of illegal immigration, cross-border activities, economic opportunities and socio-environmental factors that may influence population movements. It will also investigate what the government describes as abnormal settlement patterns.

The committee will analyse demographic shifts across communities, particularly in areas where population trends diverge significantly from broader patterns. The panel has been asked to propose a streamlined, permanent mechanism for identification, detention and deportation of illegal immigrants.

EAM raises killings of Indian sailors off Oman with Rubio

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday raised the killing of three Indian mariners in a US military strike on a merchant vessel in the Gulf of Oman with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, saying "such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified." The US, however, signalled no change in its position, with the State Department readout of the call saying Rubio underscored that violations of the US blockade and the illicit transport of Iranian oil "will not be tolerated."

Jaishankar, who is on a visit to Europe, spoke to Rubio over the phone amid growing concern in New Delhi over a series of US military actions against commercial vessels carrying Indian crew members in the Gulf region. "Spoke to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio this evening. I reiterated India's strong protest at the attacks by the US Navy in the Gulf that killed three Indian mariners," Jaishankar said in a post on social media. "Such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified," he added.

According to a readout issued by Principal Deputy Spokesperson Tommy Pigott, Rubio and Jaishankar discussed recent developments in the Strait of Hormuz. "The Secretary stressed that all commercial vessels should immediately comply with orders from US forces as they seek to uphold peace and security in the Strait," the State Department said.

"He underscored that violations of the US blockade and the illicit transport of Iranian oil will not be tolerated," it added. The call came a day after India summoned US Charge d'Affaires Jason Meeks for the second time and conveyed that American military strikes on commercial vessels carrying Indian crew members off the coast of Oman were unacceptable.

Three merchant vessels with Indian crew members have come under attack in recent days. A Palau-flagged oil tanker, Marivex, carrying 24 Indian seafarers, was disabled by US forces on June 8, though all crew members were rescued safely. On June 10, another Palau-flagged tanker, Settebello, was struck, killing three of the 24 Indian sailors on board. A third vessel, Jalveer, a Guinea-Bissau-flagged tanker carrying 20 Indians, was attacked on Thursday.

FILE IMAGE

NDA working for youth-led development, says Modi

Hours before leaving for France, PM Modi, in a post on X, said that the NDA government is working to support youth-led development. "Through initiatives such as start up India, Digital India, SKILL India, and Atal Innovation Mission, an ecosystem has emerged that encourages innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprises," he said.

VAIBHAV SOORYAVANSHI

SHINES BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

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SOMETIMES words from legends surmise the raw potential of an up and coming player quite succinctly. And if it is from the legendary Rahul Dravid, a former player, coach, mentor all rolled into one, those words would carry weight in gold. "He is a unique player. Fifteen years after Sachin Tendulkar (retirement), we have new talent. It took 40 years (after Tendulkar's emergence) to find someone this special. Maybe in another 40 years, we may have another Vaibhav Sooryavanshi," Dravid told reporters in good humour whilst talking at an event in Bengaluru a few days ago. And he too has a hand in grooming this prodigiously talented batter.

Two seasons and this is what the teenager had managed to evoke in this cricket-crazy world. It is both romantic and ethereal. And has all the ingredients of a Shakespearean play with five Acts. We have just witnessed the first two—his rise from a nondescript town to Rajasthan Royals and finally the India team. Perhaps, it has entered Act 3, the turning point of his career that would see a legitimate climax soon.

Barely 15, the teenager from Tajpur, a small village 12km from Bihar's Samastipur, has stirred the imagination of the world. He has sneaked into not just the households in India but also into the most media outlets in the world. Just like his other-worldly bat swing, the numbers supporting his ludicrously crazy form too seems surreal: 776 runs at 48.50 average and 237.30 strike rate in IPL 2026 for RR. What stood apart was the disdain with which Sooryavanshi took on some of the bowlers with impressive CVs to the cleaners.

In a span of two months, the teen sensation's face was everywhere. On the cover of magazines to promote every match in the IPL. He was right up there alongside Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill. In a team that includes the likes of Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, the official broadcaster led the promotions with the 15-year-old for the tri-series in Sri Lanka. Days before the series began, one of the social media graphics read—'Ruthless Boss Baby and the Men in Blue in action'. The tag continued as he was called-up for the senior team tour of Ireland, England and Asian Games. Sooryavanshi was the talking point during one of the morning shows for the England-New Zealand Test match at Lord's. His rise was being discussed by pundits on a broadcast channel from England and one of them jokingly said, "The ECB are delighted as well, he should help shift a few tickets."

Put it simply, Sooryavanshi is literally the newsmaker. And it was there to see when he landed in Sri Lanka. The 15-year-old had fans swarming around him for pictures and autographs. The viewership numbers are yet to come, but social media was buzzing for the brief while he batted in the first two India A games. Cricket Ireland officials are giving interviews about their excitement around Sooryavanshi becoming the youngest male debutant in their country. And understanding the attention of the 15-year-old, the BCCI have decided to send his parents along with him to the UK.

However, for the minor, much like the bowler in front of him, the fanfare, craze, everything becomes secondary. His father Sanjeev and coach Manish Ojha have made sure this tenet would survive while growing up no matter how successful he would become. Ojha credits his father Sanjeev, and former India coach Dravid for keeping him on track when he first entered the IPL last year.

"Every player, when he gets to that level, he has to face all the attention, media, glamour. And each player is built differently. Vaibhav has two important things. His father is always with him. Also, Dravid had given him the best possible lifestyle management advice. He is one of the legends. He has the biggest example in Indian cricket with the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Sunil Gavaskar in how they handle themselves. Vaibhav lives in the same players' pool. That is also a very big guiding factor for him," Ojha told this newspaper.

For those who grew up watching Tendulkar and saw the baton being passed on from the legend to Kohli while Dhoni lifted India multiple titles, it may feel like an exaggeration. That Sooryavanshi is yet to prove himself at the international stage in different conditions. That it may be too soon to call him an "once in a generation" talent. Dravid, however, acknowledges him as one.

As for Sooryavanshi, the third Act in his career would define where he finishes.

NEWSMAKER

LOOKOUT FOR AIDE

Police raid TMC's Abhishek's residence

SUBHENDU MAITI AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Kolkata/New Delhi

THERE was high drama at the residence of Abhishek Banerjee, national general secretary of the Trinamool Congress, as a large police team raided it in the wee hours of Saturday to nab his long-time trusted secretary Sumit Roy.

The police were looking for Roy in connection with a case involving the alleged transfer of crores of rupees to his bank account by Sujoy Hazra, a former Trinamool lawmaker.

The police zeroed in on Abhishek's house after tracking Roy's mobile tower location. They arrived around 2.30 am but were not let in. They then broke the lock inside the steel gate using a gas cutter to forced their way in, which took four hours. Roy was not found.

In Delhi, there was speculation on further Trinamool desertions after another party Lok Sabha MP, Sudip Bandyopadhyay, met the BJP's West Bengal in-charge Bhupender Yadav. He later called on home minister Amit Shah and is understood to have joined the rebels, taking their strength to 20. The meeting came a day before CM Suvendu Adhikari is due to meet the rebel group.

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A 35-year-old woman, a scrap collector, died after she was attacked by stray dogs in Barwani town in Madhya Pradesh, officials said on Saturday. Police are investigating the matter.

3 MIGRANTS DEAD AS POWER TOWER COLLAPSES IN GUJARAT

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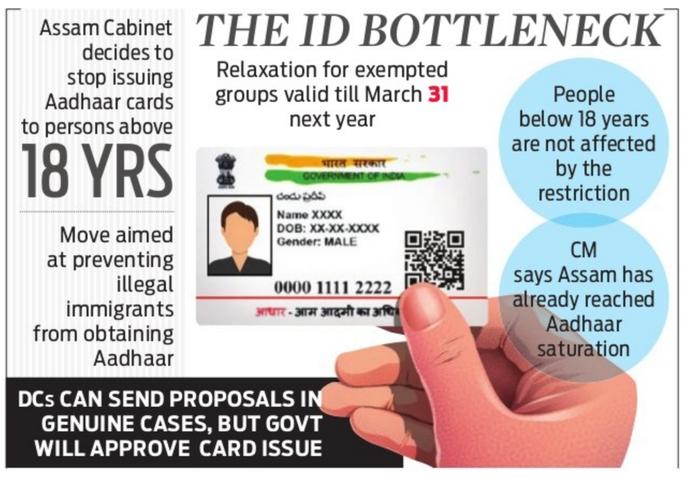
Ahmedabad	39	29	Mumbai	33	31
Bhopal	35	24	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	37	25	Patna	37	28
Amritsar	36	25	Lucknow	37	28
Chennai	36	29	Port Blair	30	28
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	24	13	Chandigarh	35	26

Assam tightens Aadhaar norms to check influx: CM

Divyang, SC, ST and tea garden communities kept out of ambit

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati


THE ID BOTTLENECK
Assam Cabinet decides to stop issuing Aadhaar cards to persons above
18 YRS
Move aimed at preventing illegal immigrants from obtaining Aadhaar
Relaxation for exempted groups valid till March 31 next year
People below 18 years are not affected by the restriction
CM says Assam has already reached Aadhaar saturation
DCs CAN SEND PROPOSALS IN GENUINE CASES, BUT GOVT WILL APPROVE CARD ISSUE

THE Assam government on Saturday decided to stop issuing Aadhaar cards to those aged above 18 years to prevent illegal immigrants from getting the document.

The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, exempted differently abled people, scheduled castes (SCs), scheduled tribes (STs), and tea garden communities. The exemption for applicants from these communities will remain valid up to March 31 next year. The restriction will not apply to people below 18 years.

Sarma said although Assam has already reached saturation in terms of Aadhaar enrolment, the cards are still being issued. He added that some districts have crossed 100% of the targets, registering figures as high as 114% and 115%.

"As Assam has already achieved 100% Aadhaar saturation, there are apprehensions over who are taking Aadhaar cards. We want that no illegal immigrant can take advantage of Aadhaar," the Chief Minister said, briefing media persons on the cabinet decisions.

"If there are at all genuine applicants aged above 18 years, the Deputy Commissioners will have to send a proposal. The government will approve. However, no more Aadhaar cards will be issued at the Deputy Commissioner's level to people aged above 18 years," Sarma said, adding, "We want to stop the leakage in issuing of Aadhaar."

The CM had earlier said the state government would be "very strict" in issuing Aadhaar cards, and it would not be easy to get the document in Assam. Last year, he had said the Assam government was mulling stricter rules for the issuance of Aadhaar cards for adults as part of its efforts to curb illegal immigration from Bangladesh.

The Assam cabinet approved the implementation framework of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025, for the state. The Act will be implemented from July 1. "The budget allocation for the Act is ₹2,000 crore and 125 man-days will be provided for direct wage employment under the Act. Moreover, under the Act, besides providing employment, importance will be given for creating assets as a result of the man-days," a government statement said.

Row over Rabri's diamond bracelet gift to folk singer

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RJD chief Lalu Prasad's 79th birthday celebration has triggered a controversy after ex-CM Rabri Devi gifted a diamond-studded golden bracelet to a Bhojpuri folk singer as JD(U) on Saturday wrote to Bihar police's Economic Offences Unit (EOU), demanding a probe.

In his letter, JD(U) principal spokesperson Neeraj Kumar sought to know the price of the bracelet and how it was paid for. "On Lalu Prasad's birthday, Bhojpuri singer Chhotu Chhalia was given a bracelet by Rabri Devi. Chhalia stated that it was a diamond bracelet. Where did this diamond bracelet come from? What is its source? Where is its receipt? What is its market value?" Kumar asked. He said the EOU should investigate the matter based on Income Tax Act 1961, Benami Transactions Act 1988, Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002, and available evidence. Copies of the letter has been given to principal chief election commissioner (Bihar Jharkhand), ED Director (Patna) and Lokyukta.

RJD MLC Sunil Singh said Rabri never wears diamond jewellery. When Chhaliya began singing a folk song dedicated to Tejashwi's son, Rabri, in her enthusiasm, gifted her bangles to the singer as a reward.

BJP prepares to go solo in Punjab polls, Shah wants outreach at booth level

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE BJP is likely to contest the next Assembly election in Punjab without entering into an alliance. The decision to field candidates on all 117 seats was deliberated upon at a two-hour brainstorming session between Punjab leaders and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president Nitin Nabin and party's national general secretary B L Santhosh on Friday night in Delhi. Before meeting the state leaders, Shah met Punjab Governor Ghulab Chand Kataria.

Punjab BJP president Kewal Singh Dhillon later said that discussions were held about the political scenario of the state in a healthy atmosphere. "We will fight on all the 117 seats in Punjab. The meeting was about the party strategy for the upcoming assembly elections." He added that Nabin would visit Punjab from June 20 to 22. Dhillon's statement indicates that the likelihood of a coalition between the BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal has significantly diminished.

In the meeting, Shah reportedly asked the state party leadership to work hard on the ground to "win the hearts of people and disseminate the party's narrative across the state".

GROUND EFFORT

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The issues concerning the state—such as drug menace, deteriorating law-and-order situation, religious conversions, soil health depletion and the alleged misgovernance of the Aam Aadmi Party government—figured prominently in the meeting. The state and central leadership of the party also discussed the depleting fiscal health of the state.

In the meeting, Shah said that the BJP had fixed the economy and law-and-order challenges in every state it has governed, be it Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh or now West Bengal. He asked the Punjab leadership to convey this message to the state's electorate. Sources said the agenda of the meeting included an analysis of the political climate, organisational strength and the current situation in Punjab.

RANCHI DIARY

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State set to get first prison only for women

Jharkhand is set to get its first exclusive women's prison, with plans underway to transform Sakchi Jail in Jamshedpur into a dedicated correctional facility for female inmates. A proposal has been submitted to the state government by Jail (IG) Sudarshan Prasad and is awaiting approval. Once sanctioned, the prison will serve as a centralised facility for convicted women inmates from across the state, offering specialised infrastructure and services designed to meet their specific needs. The proposed facility will be modelled on women's prisons operating in other parts of the country, where functions are managed by women staff.

Palak creates history with India U-19 call-up

In a landmark achievement for Jharkhand cricket, Kumari Palak has been named in the India Women's Under-19 squads for the upcoming ODI and T20 series against Sri Lanka. With this, she becomes the first woman cricketer from the Ranchi District Cricket Association (RDCA) to earn a place in a national team. BCCI has announced the squads for the IDFC First Bank Sri Lanka Women's Under-19 tour of India, which will comprise three T20 Internationals and three One-Day matches. Palak has been included in both the T20 and ODI squads, marking a milestone in her cricketing journey and bringing pride to Jharkhand and Ranchi cricket.

CID begins profiling fugitives abroad

In a major push against organised crime and overseas-based offenders, Jharkhand CID has directed the SPs to compile detailed profiles of fugitives who have fled the country and are evading arrest. The information will be submitted to CID headquarters to support extradition efforts. The profiles will be used to prepare dossiers for forwarding to Interpol, enabling the issuance of international notices and facilitating the arrest and extradition of the accused to India. The move comes amid growing concerns over Jharkhand-linked criminals operating from foreign countries. More than half a dozen fugitives are running extortion networks.

Toxic gas leak in abandoned coal mine, 4 killed

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

FOUR people were killed due to a toxic gas leak in an abandoned coal mine in Ramgarh. The incident took place in the Chapri-Bumri area under the Ramgarh forest zone, where few people had descended into the closed coal mine with an intention to extract coal.

Ramgarh DSP, Dr Harendra Kumar Mahto, has confirmed the deaths of all four individuals. According to reports, the individuals had entered the abandoned mine with an intention to extract coal but were exposed to the toxic gas leaking inside the coal mine.

An eyewitness said one man entered the mine first and collapsed due to a suspected gas leak. In an attempt to rescue him, three others descended into mine one after another and also lost consciousness, he said. Another companion then raised an alarm. As locals got to know about the incident, they gathered at the site. Police and CCL (Central Coalfields Limited) teams were informed, following which a rescue operation was started. Four people were rescued and rushed to the hospital; two were declared brought dead, while the other two passed away during treatment.

The deceased have been identified as Deva Kumar Bedia and W Bedia, Ashish Rajwar and Kishore Ravani.

MBBS student from KEM sent on 15 days' leave over her comment on cadavers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

DAYS after a video clip of a female MBBS student from Mumbai's KEM Hospital, Sejal Pawar, joking about the size of male cadavers' private parts sparked controversy, the hospital and its attached medical college on Saturday placed her on compulsory leave for 15 days.

She reportedly made the remark around three months ago at a show by stand-up comedian **Pranit More**. A clip doing the rounds on the Internet shows Pawar making the comment while recounting her experiences from anatomy training.

The latest action comes after the civic-run hospital formed a two-member committee to probe the controversial remark made by Pawar, a third year MBBS student, during the show.

"Pawar has been placed on compulsory leave for a period of 15 days, with effect from June 13, pending detailed inquiry and further orders. At 10.30 am today, she was entrusted to the care and supervision of her parents/guardians during the said period," a statement issued by the office of the Dean of Seth G S Medical College and KEM Hospital said.

She has also been directed to cooperate fully with the institutional inquiry and to remain available as and when called by the inquiry committee, it said. It further stated that a proposal has been submitted for the constitution of a comprehensive five-member inquiry committee. The All India Medical Students' Association has also condemned her remark.

Notably, Pawar is not the only person who has landed in soup over remarks made at More's show. Himanshu Jangra, a web developer, recently lost his job after suggesting at the comedian's show in Gurugram that spending on a date entitled men to physical intimacy. The Maharashtra cyber police have registered a case against More, Jangra and others for allegedly disseminating "obscene and objectionable" content on social media. The National Commission for Women has also summoned both of them.

Meanwhile, Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawade has called for a complete ban on More's shows.

Uddhav meets MPs amid talk of Shinde's 'Operation Tiger'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AMID reports of a TMC split, Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday convened his party's parliamentary board meeting, which was attended by senior party leaders besides Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members.

There are reports that Maharashtra deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde has undertaken 'Operation Tiger' to poach the two or three MPs of Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT). The operation has been carried out to increase Shiv Sena's tally in the Lok Sabha and extend support to the BJP in the Centre so that the BJP can comfortably carry out its earlier rejected delimitation bill in both houses of Parliament.

Union minister and Shiv Sena Lok Sabha MP Pratap Jadhav said that Operation Tiger is in the last phase and that it will be completed soon. He said all the MPs of the Shiv Sena (UBT) are in touch with DCM Eknath Shinde, and whenever he wishes, Operation Tiger will be accomplished at the right time and on an auspicious occasion.

Sources said that out of the total nine Lok Sabha MPs of the Shiv Sena (UBT), six were in touch with Eknath Shinde and a total of seven MPs were needed to avoid action under the anti-defection law. "DCM Eknath Shinde earlier called the meeting in Thane where all seven MPs of the Shiv Sena (UBT) attended; three of them attended the meeting online where they discussed the modalities and promises before joining the Shiv Sena. Some of the MPs have also taken an advance through a third person who is close to both the party and Shinde and Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs. But they bought back more time to check the public mood of their respective constituencies before switching sides," said a senior person who is privy to this development.

He added that Operation Tiger will be accomplished on the eve of the monsoon session of Parliament. "In the monsoon session, the BJP is likely to bring the delimitation and women's reservation bill, where they need the 2/3 MPs' support in both houses. Once the 20 MPs of the TMC and eight MPs of the Shiv Sena (UBT) join, the BJP will be in comfortable positions to pass it. If needed, then another operation of NCP SP MPs is also kept on board. Many NCP SP Lok Sabha MPs are directly in touch with the top leadership of the BJP, so senior BJP leadership is directly handling that operation," he added, requesting anonymity.

'Six MPs have been in touch with the Deputy CM'
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TEMPLE ROW

Copyright move triggers religious storm

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

The gods of Sanatan Dharma cannot be bound by any trademark. Any attempt that insults our deities deserves condemnation.
Baba Jyotirnath Maharaj

Consent for merch
Anyone intending to manufacture merch carrying the image of the "King of Salangpur" idol will have to obtain written consent.

A controversy has erupted around Gujarat's pilgrimage town of Salangpur in Botad district after the temple trust secured copyright and trademark protection for the 54-foot-tall "King of Salangpur" Hanuman statue and his sacred idol with 13 monkeys installed inside the temple's sanctum sanctorum.

What was projected as a step to protect the temple's spiritual identity has now snowballed into a heated religious debate, with saints and Akhara heads openly challenging the move.

According to the temple administration, the decision was driven by the increasing commercial exploitation of the temple's identity. Images, logos and three-dimensional models of Salangpur Hanumanji were allegedly being used extensively for business purposes without authorisation, prompting the trust to seek legal protection. Temple authorities maintained that various intellectual property rights were registered with the sole objective of preserving the divine forms of Kashtabhanjan Dev Hanumanji Maharaj for future generations.

With the legal protection now in force, the temple trust has laid down several conditions. Anyone intending to manufacture or sell T-shirts, key chains, pendants, photo frames or any other merchandise carrying the image or 3D model of the "King of Salangpur" idol will first have to obtain written permission from the temple. The move is also expected to curb digital piracy by restricting social media pages, YouTube platforms and other online channels from commercially using the temple's logo or exclusive artwork without authorisation.

Explaining the decision, temple administrators told local media that the temple's image and logo were being misused at several places and their commercial exploitation had increased sharply.

However, the legal protection has triggered strong resistance from the religious community. Saints from different Sanatan traditions have questioned whether any institution can claim copyright or trademark rights over a deity worshipped by millions.

SIT to probe ₹7-cr Ayodhya funds swindle

Records under lens
Investigators are expected to examine records on donation counting, cash handling, storage, etc, while questioning employees.

Report sought
The panel has been asked to submit a preliminary report within seven days and a final report within 15 days. The matter came to light a week ago.

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN the wake of the demand of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust and acting on the direction of CM Yogi Adityanath, the Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday constituted a three-member SIT to probe into the alleged embezzlement of donation funds from the Ram Temple in Ayodhya amid mounting calls for a transparent inquiry. Donations to the tune of ₹7 crore were reportedly swindled.

The SIT will be headed by Lucknow divisional commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant (2004-batch IAS) while comprising Lucknow range IG Kiran S (2008-batch IPS), who recently returned to the UP cadre after stints with the CBI and Interpol, and Neelratan Kumar, special secretary in the finance department with over 36 years of service in the state's finance and accounts cadre.

The panel has been asked to submit a preliminary report within seven days and a final report within 15 days.

The alleged embezzlement from temple donation boxes came to light about a week ago, prompting the trust to initiate an internal probe. Sources said trust officials had begun questioning suspects and attempting recovery of funds. The trust later sought a formal probe, following which the state government ordered the SIT.

Officials said the SIT is expected to visit Ayodhya to examine records, take over evidence collected so far, question suspects, and interact with trust officials involved in the preliminary inquiry. Officials said the SIT will scrutinise how donation collections were handled, the internal control mechanisms in place, and whether other individuals were involved in the alleged diversion of funds.

Investigators are expected to examine records related to donation counting, cash handling, storage, and supervision, while also questioning employees and former staff members connected with the temple administration. The probe assumes significance given the enormous volume of donations.

Denying allegations about the money donated at the Ram Temple going missing, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust on Saturday had urged the CM to order an SIT probe into the matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Smt.MEKA MADHAVI** W/o Sri.Meka Veera Venkata Satyanarayana, residing at: No.10-171/1/1, Plot No.318, Opp : Ramalayam Visalakshi Nagar, Visakhapatnam-530043; and **Smt.SATYASHREE KAKARLA** W/o Sri.Kakarla Babji, residing at: No. 10-175/1/2, Plot No.346, Visalakshi Nagar, Visakhapatnam-530043.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BDA Site No.186, BBMP Khatha No.127/186, having E-Khatha No.5797143914, measuring East to West: 25 Mtrs and North to South: 15 Mtrs, in all measuring 375 Sq.Mtrs, together with a building thereon, comprised of Basement Floor, Ground plus four upper floors, situated at 2nd Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi Extension, Bangalore, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.129-Jnanabharathi Ward and bounded on the:

East by : Road
West by : Site No.170 and 171
North by : Site No.187 and
South by : Site No.185

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand, Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004

Indian Overseas Bank

JAYANAGAR V BLOCK BRANCH: 251/62, 9th Main, V Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, Phone No-080-22950346, Email: iob0346@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://baanknet.com**

Name & address of the Borrowers: 1. Mr. Balaji Subramanyam, No. 328/1, Subram Arcade, Flat No. 401 5th Main, Malleshpalya, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560075. **2) Mrs. Gowripriya Balaji,** No. 328/1, Subram Arcade, Flat No.401, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560075.

Date of NPA: 30.09.2019 **Date of Demand notice: 01.10.2019**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.1,26,44,981/- as on 30.09.2019 with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 13.12.2019

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.1,29,18,260/- as on 13.12.2019 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 10.06.2026 is Rs. 1,24,74,154.39 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Villa No.7, Suchiraa Villas, Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpura, Hobli, Bangalore comprising of Ground, First and Second floor. Extent of Site : 1113 Sqft; Built up Area : 2575 Sqft. **Boundaries: East by:** Villa 19, **West by:** 20 ft Road, **North by:** Villa 6, **South by:** Villa 8. **The property is in the name of Mr.Balaji Subramanyam & Mrs.Gowripriya Balaji.**

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Immovable Property as mentioned above	Rs.74,65,000/- + applicable TDS i.e., 1% at present	Rs.7,46,500/-	Rs.50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 30.06.2026 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Bid increase amount: Rs. 50,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL

Inspection Date & Time:
During office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 14.06.2026 to 29.06.2026

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.**

For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in https://baanknet.com/bidder-registration** (web portal of e-auction Service provider)

Date: 12.06.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Indian Overseas Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients propose to purchase the Schedule Property from the Owners for valuable consideration and the respective Owners have represented they have a subsisting right, title and interest in the properties mentioned in the Schedule and my Clients have been permitted to publish the Notice of intended transaction.

The General Public or Any person or persons having any claim/s or objections for the proposed transaction may lodge their claims/objections with self attested documentary proof with the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period, will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that the piece and parcel of the below mentioned Survey Numbers of **Madivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District,** including all rights, privileges thereto

Sl No.	Survey No.	Name of the Owner	Extent Acres	Extent Guntas
1	172/1	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	25
2	141/3	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	15
3	141/4	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	07
4	141/5	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	04
5	141/6	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	04
6	142/5	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	08
7	142/6	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	06
8	142/7	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	03
9	142/8	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	03
10	143/3	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mrs.Thalath Ahmed	0	30
11	140/1	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	0	22
12	140/3	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	0	08
13	142/3	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	0	15
14	143/2	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	0	15
15	145/1	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	1	03
16	171/2	Mr. Nisara Ahmed Mr.Ummar Fraooq Ahmed	0	20
17	172/4	Mr. Nanjundappa Mrs.Umabhai	0	19
18	175/1	Mr. B.Sathyanarayana Singh	0	15
19	175/3	Mr. B.Sathyanarayana Singh	0	30
20	171/3	Mr. Narayanappa	0	16
21	173/3	Mr.S.Murali	0	14
22	171/1	Mr. Hanumantha Dass	0	07
23	140/4	Mrs. Gowramma	0	16
24	140/2	Mr. Chikkappa	0	02
25	141/2	Mr. S.A.Malik	0	02
26	142/1B	Mr. S.R.Amarnath	00	11
27	142/4	Mr.Munivenkatappa Mr.Byatappa Mr.Venkatappa	00	11
28	143/1	Mr. Chikkaveerappa	00	05
29	144/1	Mr. Sampangappa	1	08
30	144/2	Mr. Sampangappa	0	15
31	172/2	Mr. Thimmareddy	0	02
32	173/1	Mr. Lakshmaiah	0	10
33	172/3	Mr. Vasudevan	0	03
34	173/2	Mr. S.Murali	0	07

Mr. N.JAIPRAKASH RAO, Mrs. VEENA RAO,
Mr. N.ASHOK KUMAR, Ms. SANJANA JAYPEE
JAYPEE ASSOCIATES "LAW FIRM"
No.38, "KRISHNA" 1st Cross, Malleswaram, BENGALURU - 560 003.
Phone No: 080-23560365, 23468742 E-mail : contact.jaypee1234@gmail.com
Date: 14.06.2026 Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients **Sri. B. Indukumar** S/o late L.C. Banashettappa and **Sri. I. Devananda** s/o B. Indukumar have proposes to purchase the schedule property from its owners Sri. Hariprasad. H, Smt. Poornima. R, Sri. Shivakumar and Smt. Manasa. D.

Any person [s] having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule property may lodge his / her / their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 3 days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/claims received thereafter will not be entertained/ binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old Assessment No. 56, new No. 56/1, **presently within the limits of BBMP Ward no. 161- Hosakerehalli, having Property no. 56/1, EPID no. 2311324763 and EPID no. 3433955742, situated at 4th Main Road, Dattatreyanagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085,** measuring East to West – 30' [Thirty feet] and North to South – 40' [Forty feet] totally measuring 1200 Sq. ft [One thousand two hundred Square feet] and bounded on :

East by : Road,
West by : Property no. 43,
North by : Property belongs to Krishnamurthy,
South by : remaining property of the same number

S. RAMESH, Advocate
No. 11/3, Sanjeevanaik lane, Near Hotel Ganesh Prasad, Avenue road cross, Bangalore – 560002. Mob : 9900250757

CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION

SIGNALLING WORK

Tender Notice No. SUR-N-T-2026-27-16 Date : 11.06.2026. DRM(S&T)'s Office, Central Railway, Solapur for and on behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from the capable, reputed firms/Contractors for the following works: **Tender No.:** SUR-N-T-2026-27-16. **Name of work with its locality:** Replacement of defective quad cable patch along with Emergency Control circuit, TSS/SP/SSP communication and cable joints in Daund-Wadi section of Solapur division in Central Railway. **Cost of the work:** ₹ 3,12,14,892.04. **Earnest money to be deposited:** ₹6,24,300/-. **Cost of the tender form:** Nil. **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months. **Date & Time of Closing of tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 06.07.2026 at 15.30 15.30 Hrs. The details are available in ireps website. Corrigendum/amendments if any will be uploaded only on above e-procurement website. Only online tenders will be accepted. Manual/postal/e-mail, FAX, by hand tenders will not be accepted. Bidders are requested to obtain Class III Digital Signature Certificate with company name and register the same with **www.ireps.gov.in** The Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) will be accepted through net banking or payment gateway or in the form of Bank Guarantee and the original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the official nominated as indicated in the tender document before closing date for submission of bids (i.e. excluding the last date of submission of bids). For further details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

EXP-28 **DRM (S&T), Solapur**

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Bank of Baroda

Basaveshwaranagar Branch,
No 18/119, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony,
Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079.
Tel: 080-23201561, E-mail: VJBASA@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. lot no.	Name & address of Borrower	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1	**1) Mr T Daniel Francis,** No 18, 2nd Cross Dobbespet, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore North PO, Bangalore GPO, Dist Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001. **2) Mr T Daniel Francis**, No 47, Cantonment Railway Quarters, Benson Town, Bengaluru 560046, Karnataka. **3) Mr T Daniel Francis,** GF 001, Ground Floor, "Sri Sai Kamal Nivas", Deepika Layout, Jayanagar Housing Society Layout, Subramanyapura, Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560061, Karnataka	**SCHEDULE "A":** All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property bearing Nos.9, 10, 23 & 24, formed in Sy. No.58/5A, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide Order Conversion No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S) 288/03-04, dt: 15-11-2003, V.P. Khatha No. 690, situated at GUBBALALU VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.184, Uttarahalli Sub-Division, Bangalore and the site measuring East to West: Northern side:86-0 feet, Southern side:86.6 feet and North to South: 60-0 feet and totally measuring 5190 Sq. ft., and bounded on the:East by: 30 feet Road,West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No.8 & 25,South by Site No.11 & 22. **SCHEDULE 'B':** Description of undivided share773 Square feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule-A Property. **SCHEDULE 'C'**: All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing Flat No.GF-001, 2 BHK, having BBMP Khatha No.1446/GF-001/747/9, 10, 23, 24 in the Ground Floor of the apartment building known as "SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1260 Sq. ft. & One Car Parking, with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, etc., provided in the Schedule 'A' Property and New E Swattu PID No 8845435080 and bounded on the:East by: Flat No GF 003,West by: 40 Feet Road,North by: Flat No GF 002, South by: Vacant Plot (Private Property)	**Rs 98,28,274/-** (Rupees Ninety-Eight Lakhs Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Only) as on Possession Notice dated 23.01.2026 plus interest and other legal charges	**07.07.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 66,15,000/-** **Rs.6,61,500/-** **Rs. 25,000/-** **Last date EMD submission: 07.07.2026 till 06.00 PM**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer
2	**1) Sri Ganesh K,** S/o Late Keshavan, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015. **2) Smt Anusuya G,** W/o Ganesh K, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015 (Borrowers). **3) Sri Sagar J**, No 148, AYR Layout, Sapthagiri College Link Road, Shettihally, Bangalore – 560015 (Guarantor). **4) M/s AGN Door Solutions,** Prop: Smt Anusuya G, No 203, 2/1B, Shed No 7, R K Reddy Industrial Estate, Vidhyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097 (Borrower). **5) Smt Anusuya G**, W/o Ganesh K (Proprietor), No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015. **6) Sri Ganesh K,** S/o Late Keshavan, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015 (Guarantor)	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation No 37/1/84/1 being a undeveloped residentially converted land out of Sy No 84/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 5 Acres 12 ½ Guntas or 2,31,412 square feet (excluding kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No B.DIS.ALN (EAST)S.R (KRAHO)/ 68/ 2008-09, dated 17.12.2008 and B.DIS.ALN (EAST) S.R (KRHO)/ 69/ 2008-09, dated 20.12.2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, reduced by 2155.78 square meters area being relinquished to the Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on the:East by: Land bearing Sy No 84/2, West by: Land bearing Sy No 81, North by: 60 Feet Government Road and property belonging to Sri N Lokappa and others in the same survey number, South by: Land bearing Sy No 83 **Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the 388.32 Sq Ft of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property, being Municipal No 37/1/84/1 Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 4.074 Acres or 1,77,459.30 Square Feet or 19717.701 Square Yards out of the entire extent off 5 Acres 12 ½ Guntas or 2,31,412 Square Feet or 21498.699 square meters. **Schedule 'C' Property:** The Apartment bearing W1-B-1101 on the eleventh floor of Block-B, in 'VASATHI AVANTE' being constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1080.62 Square feet of super built-up area which includes 750.29 square feet of carpet area and proportionate share inn common areas, such as passages, lobbies, lift, wells, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and one reserved covered car parking No B-50 and bounded on the:North by: Entrance /Corridor, South by: Open Area, East by: Open Area, West by: W1-B1102	**Rs 1,14,94,970.77** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and paise Seventy Seven Only) as on Possession Notice dated 11.02.2024 plus interest and other legal charges	**28.07.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Rs. 94,50,000/-** **Rs.9,50,000/-** **Rs. 50,000/-** **Last date EMD submission: 28.07.2026 till 06.00 PM**	**Physical Possession**	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.com and Also, prospective bidders may contact the Branch head on Tel No. 080-23201561 & Mobile 8329738498.

Date: 11.06.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch

FORMAT C-1

(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **P.V. MOHAN, "MISQUITH COTTAGE", RED BUILDING LANE, CAPETHANIO, KANKANADY POST, MANGALURU, DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT - 575007**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTITUENCY**

(1) Name of Constituency: **KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CONSTITUENCY**

I P.V. MOHAN (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Pending criminal cases: Name of Court	Pending criminal cases: Case No. and status of case	Pending criminal cases: Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences: Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences: Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	In the Court of II Addl. Senior Civil Judge and CJM Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada	CC No.516/2018 Evidence Crime No: 193/2015 Mangalore East PS	Sec 323, 324, 504,527, 325, 34 IPC Voluntarily causing injury and insult	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

*** In the case of election to Council of states or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.**

Note: (i) Details should be given separately for each case in separate rows.
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be in font size of at least 12.

(P.V. MOHAN)

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	25	17	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	31	26	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	14	13	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	22	17	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	26	19	SNY	Toronto	21	12	SNY
London	30	19	SNY	Washington	23	18	SNY

IRAN TO BURY KHAMENEI ON JULY 9

TEHRAN

IRAN's former supreme leader Ali Khamenei, who ruled the country for nearly 37 years before being killed in Israeli and US airstrikes on February 28, will be buried on July 9 in his hometown of Mashhad, state television reported Saturday.

The burial, initially scheduled for March but postponed due to the war, will follow three days of funeral ceremonies in Tehran beginning July 4 and another in the holy city of Qom on July 7. The funeral, burial and farewell events will take place during Muharram, a traditional period of mourning in the Shiite Muslim calendar.

Ali Khamenei

The procession is expected to begin in Tehran, move to Qom, a stronghold of many senior Shiite clerics, and then to Mashhad, where Khamenei will be buried at the Imam Reza Shrine, considered the holiest place among Shiite devotees. Funerals for Khamenei's daughter and son-in-law, who were also killed in the February strike, will be held on the same day.

Khamenei was succeeded in early March by his son, Mojtaba, who was wounded in the strikes that killed his father and numerous other officials. He has not appeared in public since his appointment and communicates only through statements attributed to him.

He is seen as even less compromising. Khamenei took over after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989 and ruled far longer than his predecessor, greatly expanding the Shiite clerical class and building the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard into the most important body underpinning his rule. *Agencies*

A car lies amidst debris following an Israeli airstrike in southern port city of Tyre | AP

Lebanese troops pull back from southern base as Israelis advance

BEIRUT

THE Lebanese army on Saturday withdrew its troops from a base in a southern Lebanese village after Israeli troops advanced in an area nearby, a military official said. Israel's military appears to be trying to make as many gains as possible in case a US-Iran agreement is reached to end the war in the region, which is likely to include Lebanon.

The departure from the army barracks in Kfar Tebnit came as the Israeli military issued an evacuation warning for about 20 locations, including the southern city of Nabatiyeh and nearby villages. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported airstrikes on Saturday on different villages near Nabatiyeh, including one that killed two people in Deir al-Zahrani. It added that Nabatiyeh was subjected to artillery shelling on Saturday.

WAR WATCH

A senior Lebanese military official told *The Associated Press* that the Lebanese army moved its forces from the Kfar Tebnit barracks following an incursion by Israeli forces into the area. The official, who did not elaborate, spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. Israeli troops were likely trying to capture the strategic Ali Taher hill on the edge of Kfar Tebnit that overlooks large parts of Nabatiyeh and some of the roads that link the city with nearby villages. Hezbollah said its fighters carried out several attacks on Saturday, including a morning strike targeting Israeli troops near Kfar Tibnit with two drones. *AP*

Belfast answers racist unrest with citywide anti-hate rally

BELFAST

THOUSANDS of people on Saturday gathered for an anti-racism rally in the Northern Irish city of Belfast after unrest sparked by a horrific stabbing.

Protesters carried placards with slogans such as "Hate is the only threat to our streets" and "Belfast stands against racism". The city saw two nights of disorder after video of Monday night's knife attack — which showed a man straddling another lying in the street, slashing him with a knife — went viral across social media platforms.

A Sudanese man on Wednesday appeared in court charged with the attempted murder of Stephen Ogilvie, who remains in hospital. Protester Hilary Hunter, 63, said she was "disgusted at what's going on" and that those "causing all the problems aren't speaking for us," at the rally organised by Unite Against Racism.

Northern Ireland Secretary Hilary Benn on Thursday said the rioting had created a sense of fear with some people being "intimidated" and "burned out of their houses by masked thugs on the basis of the colour of their skin". He said there had been reports of people being stopped in their cars to be asked their nationality on their way to work, describing it as "completely unacceptable".

Local councillor Seamas de Faoite of the SDLP, the main Northern Irish nationalist party, said people had turned out to show that they were "appalled" at the "racist violence.

He said organisations across the city had been working tirelessly to rehome people who were now "too frightened" to go back to their homes. *AFP*

People turn out for a demonstration against racism and call for calm in central Belfast | AFP

Anthropic shelves AI Fable 5, Mythos 5 over security fears

FILE: Dario Amodei, CEO & Co-Founder of Anthropic | AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Anthropic said on Friday it has suspended access to two powerful AI models, Fable 5 and Mythos 5, to comply with a US national security order.

Just three days after publicly launching Fable 5, the company said in a blog post that it received a government directive banning all foreign nationals, even ones who work at Anthropic, from accessing Fable 5 and Mythos 5 over national security concerns.

"The net effect of this order is that we must abruptly disable Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all our customers to ensure compliance," it said. The company said it received the letter at 5.21pm (2121 GMT) on Friday.

Axios reported that the letter came from US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick. The US Commerce officials did not immediately respond to a request from AFP.

The firm said that the letter did not state what specifically concerned the government. However, the firm's "understanding is that the government believes it has become aware of a method of bypassing, or 'jailbreaking'" the Fable 5 model such that it could aid hacking. Fable 5, released on Tuesday, is a locked-down version of Mythos 5, a cutting-edge AI model that Anthropic has held back from the public amid concerns that it had unprecedented abilities to identify software vulnerabilites — or holes in code that hackers could exploit

Mythos 5 — the unrestricted model — has only been released to select companies. The European Union, which gained access to Mythos earlier in June after weeks of talks, said the latest development further underlined "Europe's need for technological sovereignty". *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Bruel faces two new sex abuse complaints

PARIS: Two women have filed new complaints of sexual abuse against French pop icon Patrick Bruel, prosecutors and their lawyer said Saturday, in the latest accusations against the singer under investigation. The 67-year-old, a major figure in French popular culture with several top-selling albums and dozens of film appearances, denies any wrongdoing. One woman accuses Bruel of attempted rape and sexual assault during a film festival in La Reunion in 2007, the prosecutor's office in Paris suburb of Nanterre said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the public notice that, my clients **Chaitra T.P** and others residing at Nagamangala Village, Hegganahalli Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, intending to purchase land in Sy No. 69/3, measuring 1 acre 08 guntas, out of this my client intends to purchase 11 guntas, situated at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from R Madhusudhan S/o. Rangaswamy. Anybody having any claim in respect of the schedule property, are hereby informed to approach the undersigned Advocate with relevant documents within 7 (seven) from the date of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed to get sale deed from the above said persons and any objections subsequent to the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land in Sy No. 69/3, measuring 1 acre 08 guntas, out of this my client intends to purchase 11 guntas, situated at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounced on :-

East by : Sy No. 69/7, Property of Sanjaykumar,
West by : Remaining property of Gowramma, (37 guntas)
North by : Land of Vishwanathapura's Hanumanna,
South by : Road,

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This is to the information of the General Public that my client **Smt. B. LAVANYA,** W/o N. Balaji, R/a No.246, Sarakki Main Road, Near Indira Gandhi Circle, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078, has entered into an agreement of sale to purchase of Schedule property from its owners, **i) NAGAMMA,** W/o late T. Bheemanna, **ii) K.H. PARVATHI,** D/o late T. Bheemanna, **iii) RAJESHWARI,** D/ o late T. Bheemanna, **iv) RAJKUMAR,** S/o late T. Bheemanna, **v) SUSHEELA,** D/o late. T. Bheemanna, **vi) JAYARAM,** S/ o late T. Bheemanna, **vii) SAVITHRI,** D/o late T. Bheemanna, All are residing at No.133, 4th Cross, Yadalam Nagar, Subramanayapura Post, Bangalore-560061.

If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents, within **10 days** from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.143,** Property **P.I.D No.3216365005,** formed in Sy.No.6 of **Subramanayapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** now within the limits of Bangalore South City Corporation, Now the B.S.C.C assigned with Property No.143 and Ward No.184 of Uttarahalli and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No.142,
South by : Site No.144.
Measuring:
EAST TO WEST : 40 FEET,
NORTH TO SOUTH : 30 FEET,
IN ALL MEASURING : 1200 SQUARE FEET
Consisting of existing building

R.R.Upadhya, Advocate
RAVISHANKAR ASSOCIATES,
#92, 2nd Main Road, Between 7th & 8th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -18 Mob: 9241102941

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposed to purchase the Schedule Property from M/s. Shree Ganesh Builders and Developers, Bengaluru, a Partnership Firm.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims of any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within (15) Fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, thereafter my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Nos.94 and 95, Khatha No.59, formed in converted Sy. No.76, (converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District Vide O.M.No. Dis. ALN.SR. 110/1981-82, dt.06.08.1981) of Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now New Municipal No.90/2, 1st Main Road, Garden Vilas, Bengaluru, PID No. 38-1-90/2, New E-PID No.4110850391, Now comes under the limits of B.B.M.P Ward No. 128 (Nagarabhavi), measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 60 feet and bounded on:

East **by:** Property Nos. 101, 102, 103. **West by:** Road. **North by:** Property Nos. 96, 97, 98. **South by:** Road.

T.S.Mahabaleshwara
Advocate
KAR279/1976
No.29/30, 58th Cross,4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010
Date: 08.06.2026 Mobile: 9845183353
Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public at large that, under the instructions of our clients, we are investigating the right, title and interest of Mr. Hanumantharaju .L, S/o. Mr. Lakshman (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner"), to the land having an extent of 1 (One) Acre in Sy. NO. 46, Property No. 748/46, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes, vide order bearing No.ALN(S):SR:748/95-96, dated 23.12.1995, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South, Bangalore, having e-Katha issued by the Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Department, in Form 11B, bearing PID No. 150200300100325760, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property"). Any person/s, entity, firm, institution, Banks or financial institutions, having any claim(s), including any right, title interest, entitlement, charge, demand whatsoever in respect of or against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof and / or any of the title deeds or records in respect thereof by way of sale, transfer, assignment, allotment, exchange, right, interest, share, license, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, encumbrance, occupation, covenant, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption, inheritance, bequest, succession, will, testamentary instrument, probate, letters of administration, possession, use, development rights/potential, agreement, litigation, lis-pendens, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law or otherwise of whatsoever nature or otherwise howsoever, is/are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, together with documentary proof in support thereof, to HARISH & CO., Advocates and Tax Consultants, No. 45, High Point Apartments-2, Ground Floor, 2012, Chalukya Circle, Palace Road, Bangalore 560 001 and also email a copy to lawguru.harish@gmail.com, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, such right, title interest, benefit, claim or demand will be considered as waived and / or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property from the said Owner. Any claim/objection received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land having an extent of 1 (One) Acre in Sy. NO. 46, Property No. 748/46, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes, vide order bearing No. ALN(S): SR:748/95-96, dated 23.12.1995, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South, Bangalore, having e-Katha issued by the Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Department, in Form 11B, bearing PID No. 150200300100325760, and bounded on :

East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 46;
West by : Halla;
North by : Land bearing Sy. NO. 46; and
South by : Road.

Sd/- **HARISH V.S,** Advocate
M/s. HARISH & CO.,
Advocates & Tax Consultants
No. 45, High Point Apartments - 2, Ground Floor, 2012 Chalukya Circle, Palace Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
Email: lawguru.harish@gmail.com,
Date:13-06-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby given notice that Sri. Ashvini Ranjan, son of late Sri. TAS Rajan, resident of No. 31, 6th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmi Puram, Mysuru-570012 has represented that the original Sale Deed dated 24.12.1999, registered as document No. 3322/1999-2000 of Book I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore (U) District in respect of the SCHEDULE PROPERTY has been lost and that a complaint has been lodged in this regard in the C.Misc. no. 277/2011, dated 29.03.2011 in Vijay Nagar Police Station, Mysore. In the event any one has any objection and/or claim over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY, they may file the same with documentary proof before the under-signed within seven days from the date of this notice, failing which, the claims, if any, of such person/s will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

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NORTH BY: Property No. 122/3, Infantry Road and common passage leading to Infantry Road
SOUTH BY: Cubbon Road Cross
BANGAORE. DATE: 14.05.2026

ASHVINI RANJAN
No. 31, 6th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmi Puram, Mysuru - 570012, Mob: 9845113234

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)** that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession (Self-Surrendered Property) of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** and **"No Recourse Basis"** on **30.06.2026** for recovery of amount has mentioned herein below along with further interest and cost due to the secured creditor from the following borrower(s) and guarantor(s).

S. No.	Borrower and Guarantor Name and Address	Reserve Price / EMD Price	Auction Date & Time	Outstanding Dues (in Rs)	Contact Person
1.	**(Loan Ref.No.0679) - Mr. Narasimha Murthy.U.R,** S/o. Ramachar.U.R, No.4, 14th cross, Nanjamma Layout, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032, **Mr. Narasimha Murthy.U.R, Proprietor : Bhavana Enterprises,** No.15, 1st A Main Road, Atmananda Colony, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. **Mrs. Rekha,** W/o.Narsimha Murthy, **Mrs. Bhakthi,** D/o.Narasimhamurthy.U.R, No.4, 14th Cross, Nanjamma Layout, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032. **(Address common for both)**	**Rs.4,20,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Twenty Lakhs Only)** **Rs.42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only)**	**30.06.2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon.** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal https://augeo.samil.in/home **Last Date & Time for Bid Submission : 29.06.2026 upto 05:00 P.M.**	**Rs.5,65,70,787/- (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) as on 01.04.2026**	**Authorised Officer: Mr.Karthick.R / Contact : 9080589635 & Mr.Raghunath Contact : 9886960484**

Description of Property : Description of property belongs to Mrs.Rekha N Murthy, W/o.Mr.Narasimha Murthy.U.R : SCHEDULE OF ITEM NO. 1 : All piece and parcel of property bearing H.L. No.1 Khatha No.481/1 situated at Mannarayanapalya, Cholanayakana halli Panchayathi, Kasaba hobli, Bengaluru North taluk measuring East to West 22' Ft., North to South 72' Ft total 1584 Sq Ft. and bounded on: East by: Private Property West by: Chandra Babu's Property North by: Road South by: Nanjappa Reddy's Property Comprising 060 Sq Ft. A.C. Sheet roofed old mud walls house, has no light, water and sanitary connections, jungle wood used for doors and window frames. **SCHEDULE OF ITEM NO. 2 :** All piece and parcel of property bearing H.L. No.2 Khatha No.481/1 situated at Mannarayanapalya, Cholanayakana halli Panchayathi, Kasaba hobli, Bengaluru North taluk measuring East to West 78' Ft., North to South 72' Ft total 5616 Sq Ft. and bounded on: East by: Venkatesh Reddy's property West by: Muniyappa's property North by: Road South by: Nanjappa Reddy's property. Comprising 120 Sq Ft. A.C. sheet roofed mud walls old house, has no light, water and sanitary connections, jungle wood used for doors and window frames. **SCHEDULE OF ITEM NO. 3 :** All piece and parcel of property bearing H.L. No.3 (northern portion) Khatha No.5 situated at Mannarayanapalya, Cholanayakana halli Panchayathi, Kasaba hobli, Bengaluru North taluk measuring East to West 45' Ft., North to South 10' Ft total 450 Sq Ft. and bounded on: East by: Nanjappa Reddy's property West by: Private property North by: Chandra Babu sold this day, South by: Remaining portion of same property. Comprising 8x7 A.C. sheet roofed old mud walls, house, jungle wood used, the property has no light, water, and sanitary connections.

Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank : Article Name: Agreement of Sale of Immovable Property (Possession not given);; Market Value:0; Consideration Amount:40000000 From Mrs REKHA N MURTHY W/o U.R.N.Murthy To Smt N.GAYATHRI DEVI Late Ajjegowda Registered in the books of Sub-registered with Docs No :YAN-1-07861-2022-2. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail** and the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.Shriram Auto mall India Limited (AUGEO) at their web portal https://augeo.samil.in/home.** For any assistance related to property Bid Document, or other queries, interested parties may contact Ms. Meenakshi (9999535597, meenakshi.i@samil.in) or Mr. Gaurav Namboodiri (9833922941, gaurav.n@samil.in) **For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule, 2002. Bid incremental Amount are Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only). Venue For Bid Submission : Axis Bank Limited, Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore – 560 027. addressed to Mr. Raghunath. Inspection will be subject to the prior Appointment.**

Date : 13.06.2026 / Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

$114.5 BN Value of gold in India's forex reserve at the end of June 5 week, during which the value of the metal holding grew by $2 billion

Japan vs US: Tale of 2 interest rates

With Japan being the top investos, BoJ rate hike may trigger massive sell-off US govt bonds

SUNITHA NATTI

ONE of the biggest macro events is barreling towards global markets this week.

Two of the world's most powerful central banks will announce interest rate decisions barely 24 hours apart. One is widely expected to raise rates, the other may indicate its intent to do so. Together, the decisions may set global financial markets on fire and mark the beginning of the most testing times of 2026.

On Tuesday, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) is all set to raise rates by 25 bps from 0.75% to 1%. That's the highest level since 1995! Worryingly though, its impact is likely to be felt beyond Japan, dominantly in the US and broadly in the rest of the world. For over three decades, BoJ held interest rates at zero and even below zero encouraging investors to borrow funds at ultra cheap rates, and invest elsewhere like US equities, bonds, crypto, and so on fetching higher returns.

As a result, Japan ended up as the largest foreign holder of US government debt at over $1.20 trillion and hence the most vulnerable to interest rate shocks in Japan. Higher rates also firm up Japanese bond yields and as the gap with the US Treasuries correct, investors will be tempted to unwind dollar holdings, and convert back to yen.

For instance, JGBs now offer higher income than stocks for the first time since 2008. In January, the yield on 10-year JGB hit the highest level since 1997 and now stands at about 2.65%. If Japanese investors liquidate, US Treasury yields will firm up and when that happens, it's the global financial system that wobbles. And here's the biggest wrecking ball. It's not just Japan, but the US Federal Reserve (Fed) too is set to announce its policy decision on Wednesday.

Fed chair Kevin Warsh isn't expected to raise rates in his very first meeting. Markets aren't pricing it either, but they will closely watch the Fed's forward guidance, the dot plot indicating each Fed member's rate forecast opinion for hawkish signs, which in turn can push the dollar higher notwithstanding a dovish statement, and finally, the Fed chair's policy statement.

But the very thought of tightening is pointing to higher borrowing costs. For instance, yields on 2-year Treasury notes (which are most sensitive to changes in Fed policy) jumped to their highest level in over a year. At about 4.15%, the 2-year yield is well above the Fed's 3.5-3.75% rate band. Likewise, the benchmark 10-year yield is dangerously inching closer to 5% — a level widely considered as suicidal for the US government.

In short, the policy moves from the world's two topmost monetary mandarins are invariably intertwined and may even set off a global financial contagion. Widening interest rate differential isn't the only reason Japan will likely liquidate US Treasuries. Given rising energy costs and higher import bill thanks to the West Asia war, the Japanese currency yen saw sharp depreciation breaking the 160 level against the dollar in April. So Japan did what any central bank does to defend its currency, which is to sell dollars.

In April and May, the BoJ indulged in a record-breaking currency intervention liquidating US Treasuries and spending $75 billion to resurrect yen. But the sale of Treasuries sent shockwaves through the US' financial system pushing up bond yields, which in turn raises borrowing costs for American households and businesses and importantly increases the interest burden for the US government.

Put another way, a currency crisis in Tokyo unleashed mayhem in US markets.

Meanwhile, Fed chair Warsh's first meeting comes with an unwelcome backdrop of rising inflation, volatile oil prices, and a jobs market running hot. By all means, markets expect at least one 25 bps hike this year to rein in inflationary pressures.

But expectations of a rate change rattles currencies. When US rates rise, dollar-denominated assets like bonds become attractive. And as interest rate differential between the US and other countries widen, the currencies other than dolllar weaken. Which is what is happening in Japan, India and almost everywhere. Alarmingly, for countries with higher import bills, a depreciating currency is a double whammy. Take for instance, Bank Indonesia that was forced to raise rates by 75 bps to 5.5% in just three weeks as the rupiah breached 18,000 to the dollar for the first time in Indonesian history.

That said, higher inflation and rising rates aren't favourable to anyone. While Japan's $9 trillion debt is more than twice its economic output at over $4 trillion, the US' $39 trillion debt is a known ticking time-bomb. Every 1% increase in borrowing costs adds over 2.5% of annual interest expense to GDP in Japan. In case of the US, it adds $6 billion debt each passing day.

YEN CARRY TRADE

Bank of Japan is likely to raise interest rates by 25 bps, while the US markets expect hike anytime this year to rein in inflationary pressures

1. For over three decades, BoJ held interest rates at zero and even below zero
2. Japan ended up as the largest foreign holder of US government debt at over $1.20 trillion
3. If Japanese investors liquidate, US treasury yields will rise, leading to turmoil in the global financial system

THIRD-EYE VIEW

SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES AS STRATEGIC ASSETS

KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW

AS Prime Minister Narendra Modi completes a decade in office, it is an appropriate moment to reflect on a leadership journey that has sought to reshape India's development trajectory and redefine its place in the world.

History ultimately judges leaders by the institutions they build, the opportunities they create and the confidence they inspire in a nation. By those measures, one of the defining features of the past decade has been a strategic belief in India's ability to emerge as a global knowledge economy powered by science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. What distinguishes this period is the recognition that scientific capability is not merely an academic pursuit, it is a strategic national asset. It underpins economic competitiveness, technological sovereignty, healthcare security, energy resilience and long-term national prosperity. Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, science and technology have moved closer to the centre of India's development agenda.

Biotechnology growth

Over the past decade, India's bioeconomy has evolved from a promising sector into a powerful engine of growth. The vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat has been interpreted not as inward-looking self-sufficiency, but as the creation of globally competitive capabilities that enable India to innovate, manufacture and lead.

The numbers tell a compelling story. India's bioeconomy has expanded from approximately $10 billion in 2014 to over $165 billion today. During the same period, the number of biotechnology startups has grown from fewer than 100 to more than 11,000, creating one of the world's most vibrant biotech innovation ecosystems.

This growth has been supported by a series of forward-looking policy initiatives. The BioE3 Policy— focused on Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment— the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, and the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund are creating the institutional framework needed to translate scientific discovery into commercial and societal impact.

Equally important is the emergence of indigenous innovation across the healthcare value chain. The GenomeIndia Project, India's first CAR-T cancer cell therapies, advances in mRNA vaccine platforms, indigenous antibiotic development, successful gene therapy programmes and the establishment of a National Biobank collectively demonstrate India's growing scientific maturity. The recently announced Biopharma SHAKTI initiative further strengthens this momentum by supporting biologics and biosimilars innovation, advanced manufacturing, clinical research, regulatory excellence and specialised talent development.

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Taken together, these initiatives reflect a coherent national strategy to position biotechnology as a major driver of economic growth, innovation and societal impact. If sustained with the same ambition and execution, they could propel India's bioeconomy towards the $1 trillion milestone by 2047.

Building leadership

At a time when AI is rapidly becoming the defining technology of the 21st century, India has recognised that technological leadership cannot be outsourced. The launch of BharatGen, India's first government-funded multilingual generative AI initiative, signals a determination to participate in the global AI race on India's own terms while addressing the linguistic diversity that is uniquely Indian.

Beyond AI, India has also moved decisively into quantum technologies. The National Quantum Mission, backed by an investment exceeding ₹6,000 crore, reflects an understanding that quantum computing, communications and cybersecurity will profoundly influence future economic and strategic competitiveness.

These investments are helping lay the foundations for a new generation of deep tech enterprises while strengthening India's aspiration to emerge as a leading AI-powered and innovation-driven economy.

Strengthening capabilities

Modi's emphasis on long-term capability building is equally evident in sectors that are fundamental to national resilience. In nuclear energy, India achieved a historic milestone with the first criticality of the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam. This places India among a select group of nations possessing advanced Fast Breeder Reactor technology and marks an important step in the country's long-term three-stage nuclear programme.

The nation's space programme has evolved from demonstrating technological capability to pursuing ambitious missions that reflect growing scientific confidence. Significant progress under the Gaganyaan programme has brought India closer to human spaceflight, underscoring India's emergence as a serious player in global space exploration.

Whether in biotechnology, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, nuclear energy or space exploration, the objective has been consistent: to create an India that innovates in India, develops in India, manufactures in India and competes with the very best in the world. The Prime Minister's most enduring contribution will not be any single programme or policy initiative. It will be the confidence he has instilled in India's ability to think big, aspire boldly and pursue global leadership in areas that will define the future.

As India advances towards its centenary of independence, that belief in science, innovation and technological self-reliance may prove to be one of the most important foundations of a truly developed India.

The author is the executive Chairperson of Biocon

ICAI to take up Rajesh Exports case suo motu

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) will constitute a separate technical group on a suo motu basis to examine issues arising from the Rajesh Exports case even as the Sebi has referred the matter to the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) for further probe.

"The technical group will do a desktop review without seeking any documents or information from the auditor of the company concerned," said ICAI President CA Prasanna Kumar D to *TNIE*.

SEBI has referred the matter to NFRA for further investigation along with the interim report. Accordingly, another institute or body cannot initiate or continue any proceedings in such matters, unless NFRA specifically approaches for the same.

"The group will review the general purpose financial statements and auditors' report thereon with a view to determine compliance with the generally accepted accounting principles, the disclosure requirements," he said.

Anthropic asked to disable Fable 5, Mythos 5 outside US

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

DAYS after Anthropic released its Fable 5 and Mythos 5 artificial intelligence models, the US government has ordered to suspend access to these models outside the country.

Anthropic said it received the export control directive on Friday at 5.21 pm Eastern Time and immediately began taking steps to disable the models to comply with it. It said that the directive covered nations outside the US and affected access to the models. Other Anthropic models were not part of the order.

Company disagrees

Anthropic said that the government order did not provide details about the national security concerns behind the decision. In a statement, the company said, "We believe this is a misunderstanding and are working to restore access as soon as possible."

According to Anthropic, officials had raised concerns about a possible method to bypass safety protections in Fable 5. The company said it disagreed with the assessment and maintained that the issues involved previously known and limited vulnerabilities.

Anthropic had introduced Fable 5 on June 9, describing it as a version of the Mythos-class system designed for general use with safeguards. Mythos 5 continued to be available only to selected organisations under controlled programmes. The company had said the safeguards in Fable 5 were intended to restrict responses in sensitive areas while allowing broader access to advanced capabilities.

Amid developments around advanced AI systems, former Infosys director Mohandas Pai called for a larger national effort on AI in India.

In a post on X addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pai said India required an AI mission led by the Prime Minister with Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani as vice-chair, along with members from the private sector and the government.

"We are way behind and need a national mission to get going quickly. Existing government programs are too slow, way too small to make any large impact. We need an annual ₹50,000-crore fund for deep tech and AI, a ₹200,000-crore ELGS Guarantee Fund to build Hyper cloud, hardware and chips," Pai wrote.

RISK FACTOR

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Rack storage to grow into ₹7k cr industry by '30

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

INDIA'S vertical storage industry, also known as rack storage solutions, is expected to nearly double in size to around ₹7,000 crore by 2030, driven by rising demand from manufacturers for storage facilities located close to production units and supported by government initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti and the development of multimodal logistics parks.

Vikas Choudaha, Business Head, Godrej Storage Solutions Business, part of the Godrej Enterprises Group, said companies are increasingly looking to optimise land use through vertical storage infrastructure.

"We are seeing a growing number of industries wanting to make more efficient use of available land. Many are also considering two- or three-storey facilities. When we started our Chennai facility in 2001, warehouse heights were typically around 7 metres. Today, they have gone up to nearly 20 metres," he told *TNIE*.

He said the push for efficient land utilisation, coupled with economic growth and supportive government policies, would continue to drive demand for vertical storage solutions.

Recently, the company set up a 120-foot automated rack-clad warehouse for a pharmaceutical major in Gujarat.

"It is not feasible for pharma companies to maintain storage facilities outside their premises. Through efficient land utilisation, we installed a 120-foot rack-clad warehouse for a pharma firm in Gujarat," he said.

Choudaha added that shrinking space availability in key urban locations is also encouraging the adoption of vertical parking facilities by malls and commercial establishments.

The company is witnessing strong growth opportunities in the third-party logistics (3PL) segment, which currently contributes around 7-8% of its revenue.

"We engage with 3PL customers at an early stage and provide customised storage solutions based on their requirements," he said.

Godrej Storage Solutions contributes nearly ₹1,500 crore to the overall revenue of the Godrej Enterprises Group.

According to Choudaha, the 3PL sector is expected to grow rapidly as more industries focus on manufacturing and outsource logistics operations.

The company had earlier planned to establish a second manufacturing facility in Chennai. However, those plans were shelved after the acquisition of Armes Maini in Bengaluru in 2024.

It is now scouting for land near its Ambattur Industrial Estate facility for a new plant. In 2024, the company had proposed an investment of ₹350-400 crore for a second Chennai facility.

Business & Beyond

IDBI Bank launches hackathon IDBI Innovate 2026 for banking sector

IDBI Bank announced the launch of its hackathon, "IDBI Innovate 2026," a forward-looking initiative aimed at fostering innovation and accelerating digital transformation across the banking ecosystem. The event was formally inaugurated by Rakesh Sharma, MD & CEO, IDBI Bank, marking a significant step in the Bank's commitment to embracing next-generation technologies. Built around the theme "Build. Integrate. Transform.", the hackathon invites participation from start-ups, fintechs, developers, and innovators from across India. The initiative is designed to harness creative and technological talent to address real-world challenges faced by the banking industry. Sharma said: "We aim to create dynamic solutions that brings together bright minds and innovative ideas to reimagine banking solutions. This hackathon reflects our commitment to digital excellence and customer-centric innovation."

South Eastern Railway celebrates World Environment Day in Kolkata

South Eastern Railway celebrated World Environment Day at its Headquarters, Garden Reach on June 5. To commemorate World Environment Day, a Plastic-free campaign is being organized from May 15 to June 5, 2026. The campaign aims to promote this year's theme of "Climate Change,", highlighting the importance of reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable practices. On the occasion of World Environment Day, Anil Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, planted saplings at North Colony, Garden Reach. Principal Head of the Departments (PHODs) also planted saplings during the programme.

Nalanda varsity signs 2 MoUs in Mongolia to advance academic, cultural coop

Nalanda University has further strengthened the enduring civilizational, cultural, and academic relationship between India and Mongolia through the signing of two significant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with premier Mongolian institutions during a high-level academic engagement in Ulaanbaatar on 8–9 June. The first MoU was signed on 8 June between Nalanda University and Gandantegchinlen Monastery (Gandan Monastery), Mongolia, at the historic Ganden Monastery in Ulaanbaatar. The agreement was signed by Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Vice Chancellor of Nalanda University, and Geshe Lharampa Javzandorj Dulamragchaa, Khamba Nomun Khan, Supreme Abbot and Head of Gandan Monastery.

Indian Overseas Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://baanknet.com**

Name & address of the Borrowers: **1. Mr.Bharathesha,** S/o. Shekar Shetty, No 60 3rd floor, West facing, 15th Main road, Indira Nagar Bangalore 560038. **2. Mr. Bharathesha,** S/o. Shekar Shetty, No 3 -13/1, Kalpavriksha house, Permude, Dakshuna Kannada, Mangalore 574509.

Date of NPA: 27-01-2025 **Date of Demand notice: 28.01.2025**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.1,10,79,856.16/- as on 28.01.2025 with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 08.05.2025

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.1,14,55,665/- as on 08.05.2025 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 12/06/2026 is Rs. 1,27,22,683.16 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **Schedule ' A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped composite land measuring 02 acre 04 guntas of land carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy no 83/1 measuring 1 Acre 6 guntas and Sy no 83/2 measuring 1 Acre 18 guntas, totally measuring 2 Acres 04 guntas,(Converted vide official Memorandum dated 1/10/2010, bearing No. ALN(SB)SR:68/2010-11, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner) situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as: **East:** Sy.No.82 ; **West:** Remaining portion of land belonging to Mr. Purushotham Reddy and Tejas and therafter Sy. No.85, **North:** Sy No. 84; **South:** Road. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of undivided Share)** 490 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest / ownership in the Schedule ' A' properety. **Schedule 'C' Property:** Residential unit no.312, in the third floor, Measuring 2072 square feet super built- up area , containing three bedroom, Hall, Kitchen etc., together with one covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, etc., contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the schedule " A" property known as " ROSHAN PLATINUM APARTMENT".

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Residential House Property as mentioned above	Rs. 1,80,00,000 /- + applicable TDS (1% @ present)	Rs.18,00,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 30.06.2026, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: Not known to the Bank

Inspection Date & Time:
During office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 15.06.2026 to 29.06.2026.

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.**

For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration (web portal of e-auction Service provider)**

Date: 12.06.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Overseas Bank**

Indian Overseas Bank

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Name & address of the Borrowers: **1.Mr. Perisetti Govinda Raju,** 256, LRDE Layout Karthik Nagar, Near Doddanekkundi Bangalore - 560037. **2. Mr. Perisetti Govinda Raju,** 1-8-700/7, Padma Colony, New Nallakunta, Ramayia Layout, Study Centre, Hyderabad - 500044.

Date of NPA: 27-07-2022 **Date of Demand notice: 29.08.2022**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.1,06,44,880.00 as on 28.08.2022 with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 04.02.2023

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.1,10,80,168/- as on 04.02.2023 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 12/06/2026 is Rs. 1,05,75,048.81 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **Schedule ' A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped composite land measuring 02 acre 04 guntas of land carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy no 83/1 measuring 1 Acre 6 guntas and Sy no 83/2 measuring 1 Acre 18 guntas, totally measuring 2 Acres 04 guntas,(Converted vide official Memorandum dated 1/10/2010, bearing No. ALN(SB)SR:68/2010-11, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner) situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded as: **East:** Sy.No.82 ; **West:** Remaining portion of land belonging to Mr. Purushotham Reddy and Tejas and thereafter Sy. No.85, **North:** Sy No. 84; **South:** Road. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of undivided Share):** 490 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest / ownership in the Schedule 'A' property. **Schedule 'C' Property:** Residential unit No.611, in the Sixth floor, Measuring 2072 square feet super built- up area , containing three bedroom, Hall, Kitchen etc., together with one covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, etc., contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the schedule " A" property known as " ROSHAN PLATINUM APARTMENT"

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Residential House Property as mentioned above	Rs. 2,09,00,000.00 /- + applicable TDS (1% @ present)	Rs.20,90,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 30.06.2026, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: Not known to the Bank

Inspection Date & Time:
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Date: 12.06.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Overseas Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients, **(1) Sri Stephen Daverev** (Mob: 9900839200) and **(2) Sonia Daverev and Sri Krishnaswamy** (Mob: 9900588388), carrying on business under the name and style of M/s. JOSCOTEC ENGINEERING PVT. LTD., intend to purchase the Schedule Property described below.

Any person(s), bank(s), financial institution(s), authority(ies) or any other person having any right, title, interest, claim, mortgage, charge, lien, tenancy, possession, encumbrance or objection whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby required to notify the same in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned Advocate on or before 18.06.2026, failing which it shall be presumed that the property is free from all claims and encumbrances and the proposed purchasers shall proceed with the transaction without further reference to any such claim or objection.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land being Portion of Old Sy.No.91 and New Sy.No.91/3 measuring 5½ Guntas, situated at Kannalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, converted for Non-Agricultural Industrial Purpose vide Order No. ALN(NY)SR:73/10-11 dated 02.05.2011, bounded by: East : Road, West : Remaining portion belonging to Sri G. Hariprasad, North : Remaining portion belonging to Sri A. Venkata Naidu, South : Road

For Claims/Objections:

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Advocate for the Proposed Purchasers

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. S.T. Rathanmma,** W/o. A. Narayanareddy R/at. 107, 6th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-41, do hereby solemnly state that Sale deed dated 30/05/1975 which has been registered as document No.1619/75-76, Book-I, registered on 30/05/1975, executed by Devamma in favour of K. Puttaswamaiah, in the office of Sub Registrar, Kanakapura. The Sale deed dated 13/07/1992 which has been registered as document No.964/92-93, Book-I, registered 13/07/1992 executed by K.Puttaswamy in favour of A.N. Yellappreddy, in the office of Sub Registrar, Kanakapura, pertaining to the property situated at Kaggalahalli Village, Harohalli Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Bengaluru South District, immovable agricultural land bearing Survey Number 63/9 (Old Sy.No.61/1) measuring 0-09, guntas, and Sy.No.63/3, 63/4,and 63/5, belonging to my client have been lost in Jayanagara, at Bengaluru. In this regard my client have raised a complaint at Karnataka State Police on dated 27.12.2025, and my client have obtained the lost report No.197857/2025 from Karnataka State Police, Hence I request if any persons obtained the stolen documents kindly hand over to below my address or call contact number **with in 10 days** from this Notice.

L. SUBRAMANI, ADVOCATE,
No.131, Opp. Govt. Junior College, Jakkur, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64.
Mob. No. 9342839088 and 7348882149.
Place: Bengaluru Date: 13.06.2026

MAHAVITARAN — TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for supply of 33 kV/11 kV, 33 kV/22 kV & 22 kV/11 kV, 10 MVA Power Transformers against Tender No. MMD/ T-HTM1-04/0626 through e-tendering process with Estimated Cost of Rs. 21,589 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM1-04/0626 due for submission on dtd. 01.07.2026. For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/.

HO PR No.139/26 dtd.12.06.2026 **Chief Engineer (MMD)**

MAHAVITARAN — TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for Procurement of LT XLPE AI Armoured Cables of size 3.5 CX 185 sq.mm. with Estimated Cost of Rs. 752.70 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide no. MMD/T-LTM-08/0626 due for submission on dtd. 02.07.2026. For details please visit website: https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/

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Branch Office : No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person : 1. Piramal Finance Ltd - 022-69482444

E-Auction Sale Notice - Physical Subsequent Sale

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Finance Ltd (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.) under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis',** Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/ Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnes Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (12-06-2026)	Inspection Date
Loan Code No.: 11800002386, Anup Jonathan Jayapaul (Borrower), Dhanabaghyam K (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 25-07-2024, Rs. 1542371/-, (Rs.Fifteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Site No 36 Sy No 14 1 Mutsandra Village Kasaba Hobli Bangalore Rural Karnataka 561203 Boundaries As :- North :- Road West :- Site No : 35 East :- PP South :- PP	Rs. 1350000/-, (Rs.Thirteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.135000/-, (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 1910787.52/-, (Rs. Nineteen lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Rupees and Fifty Two Paise)	22/6/ 2026
Loan Code No.: HLSA0005C7B2, A SHANMUGAM (Borrower), SANIGANI HARINI (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 16-10-2024, Rs. 5192399.26/-, (Rs. Fifty One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine and Twenty Six Paise)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Property Bearing Site No. 28, Katha No. 342/28, Property No. 27/1 & 27/2, Situated at Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore karnataka 560049 Boundaries As:- North :- Vacant Plot West:- Vacant Plot East:- 25 Feet Tar Road South :- 30 Feet Tar Road	Rs. 6310000/-, (Rs. Sixty Three Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	Rs. 631000/-, (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty One Thousand Only)	Rs. 6818605.76/-, (Rs. Sixty Eight lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Five Rupees and Seventy Six Paise)	19/6/ 2026

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 30-06-2026, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 29-06-2026, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above-mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 14.06.2026 | PLACE : KARNATAKA **Sd/- (Authorised Officer), Piramal Finance Limited.**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D &E)	(F&G)
Sl No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Date of Auction and Time ---------- Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)
1	**Mr. Tomer Ajeet Singh (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 701473154 Rs.1,06,38,237/-(Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only) as on 31.01.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of the property, converted land vide orders of conversion bearing Nos. (a) B.Dis.ALN (A)/SR/366/2004/2005 dated. 28.01.2005, (b) B.Dis. ALN (A)/SR/365/2004-05 dated. 28.01.2005 and (c) B.Dis. ALN (A) / (K&A) SR.184/2005-06, BEARING Sy.No.6/1 measuring in all 3 Acres 19 Guntas which is conjoint together situated at Kammasandra Village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the : **East by :** Govt.Halla, **West by :** Ananthanagar Layout, **North by :** Ananthanagar Layout & remaining portion of sy.No.6/1 belonging to Lakshmana, **South by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No.6/1 and 60' Road. **Schedule B :** A Three Bedrooms Flat / Apartment bearing **Flat No.C-701,** on the Seventh Floor of C-Block of the building known as **"AAKRUTI AMITY"** constructed in the schedule A property with a super built up area of **1640 Sq.Ft** (which is inclusive of proportionate share in balconies, common amenities, common areas attributable thereto and limited access to terrace area i.e., from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs), with RCC roofing, vitrified tile flooring, aluminium windows etc., together with 606 ft undivided share of right, title, interest and ownership in schedule A property and on surface covered car parking space in the Ground and bounded on the: **East by :** Flat No.C-702, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Corridor.	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.58,50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only] ..... Rs.5,85,000/- [Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only]**
2	**Mrs. K Swathi (Borrower) & Mr. C Ramachandra (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No: 1) 634854038 Rs.41,05,455/- 2) 634854193 Rs. 7,66,350/- 3) 635821951 Rs. 1,42,387/- Total Amount Rs.50,14,192/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Two Only) as on 28.02.2025**	**Schedule- A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.B-18 & B-19, old House list Katha No.92/39 & 92/40**, present BBMP Katha Nos.66 & 67, situated at Kodigehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 124.7 feet and North to South 78.65 feet, totally measuring **9800 Sq. feet,** and bounded on: **East by** : Site No. B-17, **West by :** Road, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Site No. B-38 & B-39. **Schedule- B: 350 Sq. Feet** undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 1 above. **Schedule- C:** Apartment bearing **No.103, in the First Floor** measuring **1390 Sq.feet** Super Built up Area, containing three bed rooms, and **one covered Car Parking Space,** including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contined in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule 1 Property known as **"SAI TEJA GARDEN".**	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.48,44,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Only) ---------- Rs.4,84,400/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred Only)**
3	**(1) Mrs. Somaly Saha Wife Of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [Since Deceased], (2) Mrs. Rakhi Roy Mother of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased], (3) Mr. Subal Chandra Roy Father of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased] (4) And Other Known and unknown legal heir(s) of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased]**	**Loan A/c Nos. 672685638 Amount Rs.71,65,128/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) as on 31.12.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted immovable property being southern portion of Survey No. 19 (measuring 8 Acres 21.5 Guntas), Survey No. 87 (measuring in all about 3 Acres 20 Guntas) and Survey No. 88 (measuring 8 Acres) in all physically measuring 19 Acres 19.03 Guntas (including 12,796.7 sq. meters of land surrendered in favour of the Bangalore Development Authority towards Park and Open Spaces, CDP Road and Road Widening and certain portion of land reserved for installation of electrical sub-station, Civic amenities and Future Development) having BBMP Khatha No. 11 situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. The Land considered for development of First Phase of Residential Complex is excluding the area reserved for Future Development and also excluding areas relinquished/ reserved for parks and open spaces, civic amenities and sub-station is 44508.9 Sq. Meter (479093.79 Sq. Feet) and: **East by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 18/4 and 20; **West by :** Land bearing Sy. Nos. 16, 86, 12 and 21; **North by :** Kyalasanahalli - Jakkur Flying Club road & Sy. No. 86 & 12; **South by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 18/4, 20 & 21. **Schedule B:** A Two Bedroom apartment bearing **No. PB-WJ-1804,** on the Eighteenth Floor, in the PB-WJ Block/wing of the residential project known as **"PURVA PALM BEACH"** constructed in the Schedule A Property, having a carpet area of 77.47 square meter, cumulative area of balconies and utility spaces measuring 9.22 square meter or a plinth/built-up area of 93.92 square meter, and proportionate common area of 20.53 square meter corresponding to a total super built-up area of **114.46 square meter** along with one covered tandem **car parking space.** The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply. **Schedule C:** Proportionate undivided share of **37.6201 square meter** in the general and/or restricted common areas including the project land and facilities of the Residential Complex.	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.1,38,60,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) ---------- Rs.13,86,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Only)**
4	**Mr. D Balamurali krishna (Borrower) Mrs. V Bhavani (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 645091666 Rs.34,87,211/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 28.02.2025**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of a portion of the converted land bearing Survey Number 48 measuring 20 Guntas converted vide the Order dated 06.11.2013, in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (EVH) SR/156/13-14, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, along with all rights, present and future, if any, which may be accrued upon the said property, and bounded on the: **East by :** Thubarahalli Village Border, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Private Property being developed in the name of **'Saranya Enclave'** **Schedule B: 247 Square feet** undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **Schedule C:** Flat bearing **No.402, in the Fourth Floor,** measuring about **1075 Square feet** super built up area, containing Two Bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as **"NIRVASA MOONLIGHT"** constructed over Schedule "A" Property.	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.67,23,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Only) ---------- Rs.6,72,300/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Only)**
5	**Mrs. Shwetha Sachin Sirur** Wife of Mr. Sachin Mohan Sirur (Borrower) [since deceased] **Master. Samarth Sachin Sirur** Son of Mr. Sachin Mohan Sirur (Borrower) [since deceased] Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Shwetha Sachin Sirur, **Mrs. Geetha Mohan Sirur** Mother of Mr. Sachin Mohan Sirur (Borrower) [since deceased] **And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Sachin Mohan Sirur (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Sachin Mohan Sirur.	**Loan A/c Nos. (1) 605552063 Rs.30,92,321/- (2) 623159515 Rs.11,56,605/- Total Amount Rs.42,48,926/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Six Only) as on 30.11.2024**	***Larger property:*** All that Property measuring **2,86,407 sq. feet** (less 49,482 sq. feet surrendered to Bangalore Development Authority) in Sy.No.97/2C (previously Sy.No.97/1) and 98 of Yeshwanthapura Village, Bangalore Taluk and later on the said Property coming within the jurisdiction of Bangalore Mahanagara Pallke is assessed for municipal property taxes and assigned with Municipal Nos.9/36 and 9/36/2 and clubbed into one Municipal No.9/36, situated in Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore and bounded by: **East :** Service Road, Office of RNS Motor Unit II, Property bearing Municipal No.28/11; **West :** Plywood Factory, Sasikiran Investment, Property bearing Municipal No.36/1 Viswas Apartment Complex bearing Municipal Nos. 10/1/9 and 10/1/10; **North :** Steel Construction Factory and Suman Sugiamma Plastic Ltd., Property bearing Municipal No.10 and other Properties; **South :** Bangalore - Tumkur Road; ***Schedule A:*** All that Property measuring **1,67,601 Sq. Ft.,** forming portion of Larger Property and bearing Municipal Nos.9/36 and 9/36/2 and clubbed into one Municipal No.9/36 situated in Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpura, Municipal Ward No.2, Jalahalli, Bangalore and bounded by:- **East :** Service Road and Property bearing Municipal No.28/11 ; **West :** Property bearing Municipal No.36/1 **; North :** Property bearing Municipal No. 10 ; and **South :** Commercial Building described in Schedule 'F herein. ***Schedule B:*** **462 Sq. feet** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership of land in Schedule 'A' Property. ***Schedule C:*** All that Residential Apartment bearing **No.C-101 in First Floor of 'C Block,** in the Project **"VAISHNAVI NAKSHATRA'** being built in Schedule A' Property and totally measuring **1699 Sq. Feet of super built up area** approximately, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and with right to use **One Covered Car Parking Space** in the Lower/Upper Basement Floor or in Ground Level and the apartment is bounded by: **East :** Entrance, Lobby and Staircase in First Floor in "C Block of VAISHNAVI NAKSHATRA1, **West :** Open towards Open Space in "C Block of VAISHNAVI NAKSHATRA1, **North :** Open towards Open Space in "C Block of VAISHNAVI NAKSHATRA1, **South :** Lift Lobby and Apartment No.C-104 in First Floor in C Block of "VAISHNAVI NAKSHATRA1. The walls are built out of Solid Blocks and Cement with RCC Roofing and Vitrified/Ceramic Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The Door sets are of engineering doors and windows are aluminium windows.	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.1,58,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Only) ---------- Rs.15,80,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)**
6	**Mrs. Fatarpekar Medha (Borrower)** Wife of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh **And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh **Mrs. Fatarpekar Medha (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 616979605 Rs.13,55,737/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on 28.02.2022**	**Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Vacant Site bearing **No. 3591/80/2,** in Sy.No.80/2 (old Sy.No.80), situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide order bearing No. BDS/ALN/S.R(S)62/2005-06, dated: 09-05-2002, having BBMP Khatha No.3591/80/2, measuring 0 Acre 13 Guntas equivalent to 14157 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: **East by** : Property in Sy. No.79/1, **West by** : Property in Sy. No.94/1, **North by** : Road and land belonging to Bharatmatha, **South by** : Remaining lands in Sy.No. 80/2 belonging to Sri. B. Srikantachari. **Schedule-B:** Undivided share of land equivalent to **571 Sq. Ft.** in the Schedule 'A' property along with right, title, and interest in the same to be enjoyed with the other purchasers. **Schedule-C:** Apartment bearing **No. F-105**, situated at First Floor, having a super built up area of **1178 Sq. Ft.,** in the building known as **"PRESIDENT OPULENCE"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' property consisting of a Living room-Cum-Dinning with sit out, Two bed rooms (one with attached toilet and sit out), one common toilet, kitchen with open utility, having vitrified tiles flooring, with hard wood frames with flush shutters and powder coated aluminum window panels with mosquito mesh, with **one covered car parking area** at the parking floor, including proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, amenities, staircase, lifts, roof area etc. with all rights, privileges, appurtenances, easement rights and right to use common areas.	**30.07.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.37,10,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) ..... Rs.3,71,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Only)**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 02.07.2026 and 09.07.2026 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 30,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 27.07.2026 (Before 5.00 PM)
together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
The online auction will be conducted on the web site https://biddeal.in of our auction agency M/s Valuetrust Capital Services Pvt Ltd.,
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni, official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045 To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets. This is applicable SL No.1 to 5 Property only.
Note :There are builder dues, Tax & Khata Charges as applicable to complete the sale transaction (Flat No.105, "PRESIDENT OPULENCE", This is applicable SL No.6 Property only.

Date : 14.06.2026 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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FIFA

GOAL American RUSH!

QUICK PASSES

Ghana protest over Partey issue

ACCRA: Ghana said Saturday it has formally lodged a protest over Canada's refusal to issue a visa for the World Cup to player Thomas Partey, who is facing trial in Britain on rape charges. In a statement the posted on social media by the Foreign Minister Sam Okudzeto Ablakwa, Ghana called Canada's decision "high-handed and extremely unfair", calling Partey, "a key member of Ghana's senior national team".

Diaspora fans back Congo

HOUSTON: Wearing elegant black suits decked out with leopard-print sashes and matching bags, Congo's World Cup team arrived in Houston despite ebola-related restrictions that have kept fans home from the games. The deadly epidemic that has ravaged eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is continuing to spread, World Health Organization (WHO) officials warned Friday. Members of the Congolese diaspora are ready to cheer the team, noting most fans can't afford to undergo a 21-day quarantine on top of ticket and travel costs for the games.

Kids' nonprofit stands for Somali ref

SEATTLE: Ali Abdulla was over the moon when he learned his youth-soccer nonprofit would receive 20 free tickets to the World Cup. Then the US barred Omar Artan — the first Somali referee set to officiate in the WC — from entering the country. Abdulla, himself a Somali refugee, wanted to do something in solidarity, and first thought of giving up his position as a volunteer FIFA "ambassador." But, he said, when he told parents and coaches about his decision, they suggested something: Give back the tickets.

CURACAO: Room (1); Sambo (2), Gaari (3), Obispo (18), Floranus (5); L Bacuna (10), Comenencia (8), J Bacuna (7); Hansen (12), Locadia (9), Chong (21).

GERMANY: Neuer (1); Kimmich (6), Tah (4), Schlotterbeck (15), Brown (18); Pavlovic (5), Nmecha (23), Sane (19), Musiala (10), Wirtz (17), Havertz (7).

Debutants take on heavyweights

Four-time champions Germany begin their campaign against first-timer Curacao today. A look...

GERMANY LOOK TO UNLEASH TALENTS

Germany boast some exciting talents like Jamal Musiala, Florian Wirtz and the expectations are high this time around. The team, led by the seasoned Joshua Kimmich, will be intent on making a strong start.

MOMENT OF PRIDE FOR CURACAO

It will be a big moment for the island nation with a population of roughly 1,85,000 when the players enter the pitch. They'll be eager to leave a good first impression.

Live Action

Group E: Germany vs Curacao (10:30 PM) @ Houston Stadium

Other ties

Group E: Ivory Coast vs Ecuador in Philadelphia Stadium (4.30 am on Monday)

Group F

Sweden vs Tunisia in Estadio Monterrey (7.30 am on Monday)

All LIVE on Unite8 Sports & Zee5

Folarin Balogun (20) celebrates with teammates after scoring on Friday | AFP

Balo-gun start

USA went out of their way to convince the striker to represent them & also brought in the highly-rated Pochettino with the help of billionaires. On Friday night, the forward hit a double as US made a dream start. **Swaroop Swaminathan** with the backstory...

WHEN Folarin Balogun's mother was heavily pregnant, one of the officials at the airport in New York, refused permission for her to fly back to London. That was how Balogun was born in Brooklyn in the Big Apple and not England. When both the baby and the mother were declared fit for travel, they moved back. Even from a very young age, it was clear that Balogun had something about him.

When he was progressing through the ranks at Arsenal as a youth prospect, he broke several age-group goal-scoring records. He was touted to have a big career ahead of him even when he was just a child. He did feature for the London giants as a teen but Arsenal had several older, experienced strikers ahead of him. The club itself was going through an identity crisis so they decided to move on from one of their own rather quickly. First, he went on loan to Stade de Reims in 2022. There, he excelled as he became the top-scoring Under-21 forward across Europe's top-five leagues. Monaco, who feature in the same league as Reims, acted and signed him from Arsenal on a deal worth north of $35mn.

In the city of stars and in front of some of the biggest (Tom Cruise, Bradley Cooper and Leonardo DiCaprio to name just three), Balogun was central to the USMNT's best-ever 45 minute period in their 96-year World Cup history.

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When a 16-year-old Balogun started featuring in England's national set-up (he played for the country's U17 set-up in 2018), it was assumed that he would commit to England. His parents were settled in London. He had grown up in London. He was wearing the colours of one of England's biggest clubs. But the pathway in front of him wasn't too clear even if the English FA were interested in him.

So, even as the teen made it all the way to the country's U21 set-up, the US never gave hope; at one point, he was simultaneously playing for age-group sides of both countries. The turning point came in 2023 when US federation officials had meetings with him. It also helped that US fans, who saw him at a basketball game, made their feelings clear. That was the catalyst.

"It was a long process," he had told reporters after FIFA had approved his switch to represent the US in senior football. "I was out in Orlando just doing some training (in the break before the start of the 2024 season) and then the (US) squad was also in Orlando as well at camp, and the manager reached out to me, he said that it'd be good for me to come in and have some food and sit down and talk with him. I was with my agent as well, so the timing was good. We spoke about a lot of things and he just explained the vision for US Soccer. In the end, we had a discussion, I went back home, I still had some time to obviously think and take in what he was saying and then I came to my conclusion."

4 This is the first time that the USMNT scored four goals in a World Cup game

1930 No USMNT player has scored more than a single goal in a WC game after the inaugural edition in 1930

At the World Cup in 2022, he was also drawn by the energy and vigour the squad — the average age made them the second youngest roster in Qatar — had displayed (what was unspoken was also important; while England had Harry Kane, a bonafide great, US didn't have anyone remotely as good at centre forward).

Mauricio Pochettino has a way with squad profiles similar to that of the US team. He's a coach who likes players who are comfortable pressing. Under him, there can be no passengers because that is the energy he demands. That was the exact template he had when he was at Tottenham and they were flying.

US officials had wanted Pochettino to mould the team in his own image but there was a catch. He wouldn't come cheap and the federation couldn't possibly afford him on his terms. So they made a pitch to several billionaires, hedge-fund CEOs. "What the US did have, though, was ambition," the *Athletic* reported on Saturday. "Plus billionaires and corporations willing to fund it." The gap was met by a few of them to ensure they got Pochettino on board.

Friday's result: USA 4 (Bobadilla 7' (OG), Balogun 31', 45+5', Reyna 90+8') Paraguay 1 (Mauricio 73').

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Captain, poker player, TV pundit and Bosnia coach

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

SERGEJ Barbarez surveilled the scene in front of him. In front of positively heaving Canadian crowd in Toronto, the coach of the Bosnian team may have been filled with regret. After taking a lead against the run of play against the hosts, his team — in only their second World Cup after independence — had held on for the best part of an hour before Cyle Larin lashed home from the edge of the box.

In the end, it was a creditable point but it could have been so much more. After all, Barbarez knows all about the point of having a winning hand. A creditable poker player, Barbarez's story from Bosnia's captain during his playing days to being the main man in the dugout is stuff that belongs in a book. Having retired as one of the best players in Bosnia and Herzegovina's history, he did his coaching badges. But he never felt the urge to scratch that particular itch so he swapped football for Europe's poker tables. Apart from poker, he also became a noteworthy media pundit, somebody who wasn't too pleased with the Bosnian football was going. That particular rhetoric was amped up in 2024 when the side suffered off and on the pitch. So when the federation approached Barbarez in 2024, the task was two-fold. "Make us competitive and take us to the Euros in 2028." That's how Barbarez's first ever coaching job happened to be with the national team whose jersey he used to wear proudly as captain. The apogee of his coaching career came a few months ago when Bosnia eliminated Italy in a dramatic penalty shootout in the playoffs in March. The poker player had played his cards right to engineer one of their greatest football nights.

Result: Canada 1 (Larin 78') drew with Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 (Lukic)

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Blue wave from tiny Curacao is making history

AGENCIES @ Willemstad (Curacao)

THERE won't be millions of people from Curaçao cheering on their national team in the World Cup, because Curaçao doesn't have millions of people.

Not even close. Before the tournament even begins, Curaçao has already crafted a story like none other in World Cup history.

A tiny island country — autonomous territory, if you prefer — of about 156,000 residents in the Caribbean is now the smallest, both in terms of population and land mass, to make it to soccer's biggest stage. And if that wasn't enough, it's doing so under a coach in Dick Advocaat who, at 78, is about to become the oldest the tournament has ever seen.

They know what the world is probably thinking: Their country is too small, their coach is too old, they don't have a chance. They heard all that through the qualifying process as well — and here they are. "We have made history," Curacao defender Sherel Floranus said. "We are writing our own history, for this island." The way they see it, they've already won.

On Sunday, the tiny nation will take on the Goliath of world football Germany. The stage is set for an emotional game for the tiny nation. Just for comparison, Houston houses 15 times as many people as the island.

The island was part of the Netherlands Antilles until October 2010, when it became a more autonomous "constituent country" of the Netherlands.

Curacao players during a training session in Boca Raton on Saturday | AFP

FIFA blames fans for empty seats

ENS @ Guadalaraja

FIFA on Friday blamed the empty seats during the World Cup match between South Korea and the Czech Republic in Guadalajara on fans who watched from the concourses. There were many visible empty spots at the 45,664-capacity Guadalajara Stadium, with sections in the middle of the stands showing many unoccupied spaces and with other empty seats scattered around the venue. The announced attendance was 44,985 — including FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

"Official attendance figures reflect the number of tickets scanned and spectators present within the stadium footprint, rather than visual assessments of seating occupancy at any given moment during the match," FIFA said. On Friday, the stadium in Toronto was close to full for Canada's tie.

The match between Czech Republic and South Korea saw many empty spots at the Guadalajara Stadium | AP

Intriguing contest

Three-time finalists Netherlands will take on Japan in what promises to be a fascinating contest. A look...

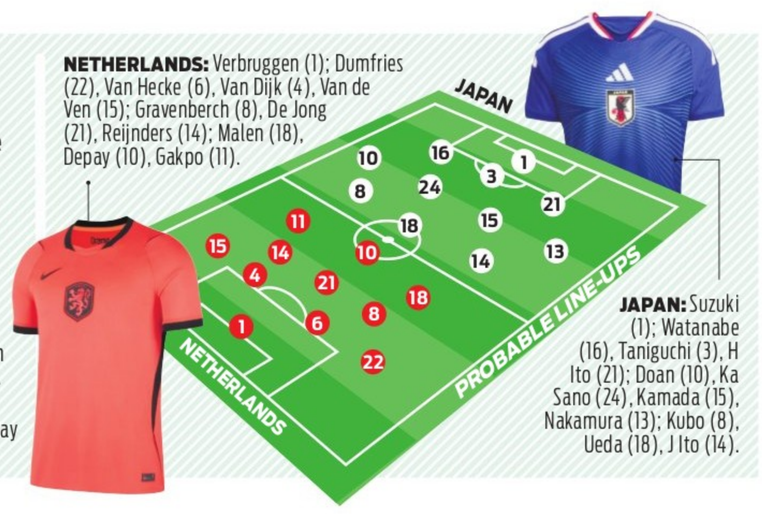
DUTCH'S DEFENCE

Even in the absence of Jurrien Timber, the Dutch team possess an array of stars in the back four led by Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk. Ahead of them, Frankie de Jong will be the orchestrator. Man City's Tijani Reijnders will be the one to keep an eye on further forward.

BEST OF ASIA

Japan have had a few injury problems but they are one of the most technical sides. Their quick interplay and passing will catch the eye and could pose problems. In the last year alone, they have beaten England and Brazil in friendlies. Watch out for Samurai Blue.

Live Action Netherlands vs Japan @ Dallas Stadium, 1.30 AM on Monday
LIVE on Unite8 Sports and Zee5



NETHERLANDS: Verbruggen (1); Dumfries (22), Van Hecke (6), Van Dijk (4), Van de Ven (15); Gravenberch (8), De Jong (21), Reijnders (14); Malen (18), Depay (10), Gakpo (11).

JAPAN: Suzuki (1); Watanabe (16), Taniguchi (3), H Ito (21); Doan (10), Ka Sano (24), Kamada (15), Nakamura (13); Kubo (8), Ueda (18), J Ito (14).

Sindhu, SatChi to lead charge

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TWO-TIME Asian Games medallist PV Sindhu, Asiad men's doubles gold medallists Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will lead India's charge in the upcoming Asian Games, which is set to be held in Aichi-Nagoya (Japan) from September 19 to October 4.

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) selection committee finalized the squad after reviewing recent performances across national and international tournaments, alongside BWF rankings as of May 26, 2026. Led by India's top-ranked men's singles player Lakshya Sen, the squad also features experienced HS Prannoy and Kidambi Srikanth.

After ODI triumph, India women seek immortal glory

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IN sport, pressure comes in different versions. Till midnight on November 3, 2025, India women felt it in the form of desperation. To win a global title. To stop being the nearly-team and cross the final hurdle. To become World Champions after being on the other side in multiple editions across formats. To carry the weight of a billion dreams and show the young girls across the country that they have a chance.

It is a burden they carried for 21 years since reaching the ODI World Cup final for the first time in 2005. That night the wait ended. Harmanpreet Kaur and her 15 women had their crowning moment. And the weight that carried, to quote the skipper from one of the ICC videos after the final, felt as light as the confetti falling around them.

Six months on, Kaur and India women embark on their journey to search for another ICC title, this time in the T20 format. There is no desperation this time. But pressure comes in a different form — expectations. As the reigning ODI champions, they know what it takes to win a world title.

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Shubman takes India home

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SKIPPER Shubman Gill struck 84 not out to headline India's seven-wicket victory over Afghanistan in their rain-truncated first ODI here on Saturday.

In a contest which was reduced to 25 overs per side, India replied with 195/3 in 22.5 overs against Afghanistan's 194 in 24.5 overs. Gill struck 84 not out off 66 balls with 11 fours and two sixes, while KL Rahul scored a 19-ball 39 not out in India's chase. Earlier in the first half, Rahmanullah Gurbaz struck a rapid 51-ball 102 for Afghanistan. **Brief scores:** Afghanistan 194 in 24.5 ovs (Gurbaz 102; Brar 3/27, Dubey 3/47) **lost to** India 195/3 in 22.5 ovs (Shubman Gill 84 n.o, Kishan 34, Rahul 39 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

Rana given emotional farewell in Varanasi

VARANASI/DEHRADUN: Hundreds gathered in Varanasi with tearful eyes on Saturday to bid a final farewell to India's shooting legend Jaspal Rana, whose mortal remains were flown in by air ambulance from Dehradun, two days after he succumbed to cardiac complications. Rana, 49, passed away on Thursday following a brief illness.

Anvitha holds her nerve to win tense play-off

MYSURU: Anvitha Narender revailed in a tense playoff to clinch her second title in the seventh leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here on Saturday. The young Bengaluru golfer showed great resilience to stage a back-nine recovery.

Jyoti and Aakash added to India's WC squad

NEW DELHI: Jyoti Gulia and Aakash were added to the Indian squad in the 48kg and 75kg categories respectively for the World Boxing Cup Stage 2 in Guiyang, China beginning on Monday. The two boxers were not part of the final government-sanctioned team.

Wyatt-Hodge century helps England crush Sri Lanka

BIRMINGHAM: England launched their home Women's T20 World Cup in style by crushing Sri Lanka by 87 runs at Edgbaston. After making the highest total in tournament history — 219/1 — with an unbeaten 105 by opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge, England dismissed Sri Lanka for 132 on Friday. Left-arm pacer Freya Kemp took a career-best 4-21.

Shirse betters own NR mark

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TEJAS Shirse bettered his own national record mark of 13.41s in 2024 to 13.27s in the men's 110 metre final at the Indian Athletics Series — 9 in Ludhiana on Saturday. In the process, he also breached the qualification mark to next month's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The event was initially not a qualifying event for the CWG, but due to athletes missing the marks narrowly in the Senior National Athletics Federation competition and unfavourable local conditions in Ranchi last month, this event in Punjab became a qualifying event. After a blistering start, Shirse maintained his lead to finish on top.

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